

## Ten books for children aged 7-11

There are many books that can be used to explore children’s rights with upper primary children. Whilst there are some chapter books recommended, using picture books continues to be very powerful for this age group as children can explore these books in more depth.

This is not intended as a definitive list, but a suggestion of ten tried and tested books that you may wish to consider.

Title	Author	Summary	Links to RRSA	Articles
<b>If the World Were 100 People</b>	Jackie McCann and Aaron Cushley	This book encourages children to consider the world as a global village of 100 people to gain understanding of aspects such as use of languages, different religions, education levels, food security wealth, and more across the world. (Ages 7-11)	This non-fiction book will help you to explore diversity across the world and challenge some stereotypes that pupils hold.	Article 2: Non-discrimination  Article 28: Access to education
<b>The Boy at the Back of the Class</b>	Onjali Q Rauf	Ahmet, a refugee boy from Syria, arrives in a new school. His classmates begin to learn more about him and then embark on an adventure to try and help him. (Ages 9-11)	This book will support your class to explore experiences faced by refugee children, alongside experiences of poverty, and will encourage discussion about inclusion, belonging and standing up for what you believe in.	Article 22 Refugee children  Article 12 Respect for children’s views
<b>The Journey</b>	Francesca Sanna	Author Francesca Sanna was inspired to write this book after meeting children in a refugee centre in Italy. It explores a family’s dangerous and difficult journey to safety. Also consider the wordless picture book <i>The Arrival</i> by Sean Tan. (Ages 7-11)	A wonderful picture book with evocative images that supports children to understand why people may have to flee their homes and what their journey to safety may be like.	Article 22: Refugee children
<b>The Day War Came</b>	Nicola Davies, Rebecca Cobb	A child narrates her experience of a war arriving and turning her world upside down. (Ages 9-11)	This book will help children to explore what life is like for children impacted by war. The author dedicated the book to children who are lost and alone and to those who help them.	Article 38: Protection in war
<b>Africa Amazing Africa</b>	Atinuke and Mouni Feddag	An introduction to the amazing, diverse countries that make up the continent of	This book can be used to support global learning and challenge stereotypes that children may have	Article 2: Non-discrimination

		Africa. Beautiful illustrations and lots of interesting facts. (Ages 9-11)	about the continent of Africa. Children can explore the diverse nations, languages, religions and cultures of the 52 countries that make up this amazing continent.	
<b>The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family</b>	Ibtihaj Muhammad, S. K. Ali and Hatem Aly	A child experiences discrimination but is supported by her family and friends to have pride in her family's culture and traditions. Also consider <i>The Kindest Red</i> by the same author. (Ages 7-9)	This book will support and encourage discussion about freedom of religion and how this should be respected and celebrated.	Article 14: Freedom of thought and religion
<b>Drawn to Change the World</b>	Emma Reynolds	A collection of graphic novels about youth climate activists from around the world. Illustrated by sixteen different artists and with accompanying facts and scientific explanations, children can learn about young people who have taken action to create a positive change. (Ages 9-11)	Useful for exploring issues linked to climate change and sustainable development, as well as discussing the importance of standing up for what you believe in and taking action to make positive changes.	Article 12: Respect for children's views  Article 24: Health, water, food, environment
		Also consider <i>Children Who Changed the World</i> by Marcia Williams, <i>Speak Up/ Clean Up</i> by Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola (Ages 7-9)		
<b>The Other Side of Truth</b>	Beverly Naidoo	A powerful novel exploring the difficulties of being a refugee, why some people may have to flee to another country, being separated from family and what life may be like when arriving in the new country. (Ages 9-11)	This novel explores a range of issues such as freedom of expression, fleeing in search of safety, the right to an identity and for families to be together.	Article 3: Best interests of the child  Article 8: Identity  Article 22: Refugee children
		Also consider <i>Journey to Jo'burg</i> by the same author.		
<b>The Final Year</b>	Matt Goodfellow and Joe Todd-Stanton	<i>The Final Year</i> is a story told in verse and centres around the life of a pupil in the final year of primary school. It explores challenges faced both at school and in his home life. (Ages 9-11)	This book could be used to support conversations around the right to a family life, to be safe and issues of wellbeing.	Article 18: Responsibility of parents  Article 24: Health, water, food, environment

				Article 26: Social and economic help
<b>Black and British: An Illustrated History</b>	David Olusoga	This book explores Black British History from Roman times to the present day, illustrated with maps, photos and images to bring the topic to life for younger people. (7-11)  Also see Black and British by the same author, which is suitable for older children.	This book will support children to learn about and celebrate the contributions of black people to British history. This will support your work to challenge discrimination as a school and ensure that children feel represented in the texts available.	Article 2: No discrimination