



Anti-racism resources for children

BOOKS

Non-fiction

What is Race? Who are Racists? Why Does Skin Colour Matter? And Other Big Questions by Nikesh Shukula & Claire Heuchan

An important and timely book on race and racism, encouraging children to think for themselves about the issues involved. This book explores the history of race and society, giving context to how racist attitudes come into being. It looks at belonging and identity, the damaging effects of stereotyping and the benefits of positive representation. The authors talk sensitively about how to identify and challenge racism, and how to protect against and stop racist behaviour. For KS2+

This book is anti-racist by Tiffany Jewell

Organised into twenty sections, each confronting a different theme related to race and prejudice, This Book is Anti-Racist is a tool to help self-educate and foster activism. Covering history, theory and practical measures, is for KS2+

Black & British: a short essential history by David Olusoga

A short, essential introduction to Black British history for young readers by award-winning historian and broadcaster David Olusoga. This children's version of the bestseller Black and British: A Forgotten History is Illustrated with maps, photos and portraits. Suitable for upper KS2

Fiction

KEY STAGE 1

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

Grace loves to act out stories. Sometimes she plays the leading part, sometimes she is 'a cast of thousands.' When her school decides to perform Peter Pan, Grace is longing to play Peter, but her classmates say that Peter was a boy, and besides, he wasn't black... But Grace's Ma and Nana tell her she can be anything she wants if she puts her mind to it...

The Spots & the Dots by Helen Baugh

The Spots live on one side of the hill. The Dots live on the other. Both are fearful and suspicious of the other, but are they really all that different? Find the similarities in others, discover that fear is often based on ignorance, and celebrate difference in this stunning picture book.

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">LOWER KEY STAGE 2</p>	<p>Planet Omar by Zanib Mian A graphic chapter book in the style of the Tom Gates or Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, Planet Omar takes in all sorts of issues, from dealing with school bullies and prejudice, especially against Omar's Muslim family, to forming new friendships and adjusting to change. Humorous, with a light touch.</p> <p>The Lost Homework by Richard O’Neill Sonny lives on a Traveller community site with his family and he’s super excited about a family wedding. This smart, charming book is written by an author of Traveller heritage and has a lovely message about informal learning opportunities being all around.</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">UPPER KEY STAGE 2</p>	<p>The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander An illustrated poem filled with stunning illustrations. The Undefeated remembers unforgettable, unafraid and unbowed, famous and overlooked figures from Black history. You can also watch the author perform the poem here.</p> <p>Journey to Jo’burg by Beverley Naidoo This is the story of love, commitment and the flowering of the human spirit against the background of South Africa's apartheid. Frightened that their baby sister Dineo will die, thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother Tiro run away from their grandmother to Johannesburg to find their mother, who works there as a maid</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">YOUNG ADULTS</p>	<p>Noughts & Crosses by Malorie Blackman Takes social norms and flips them on their head and confronts the legacy of slavery in an engaging and comprehensible manner for teenagers. First in an outstanding series of books. Adults should read this too!</p> <p>Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley A beautiful yet painful reminder of America's history of segregation, desegregation, and integration. The book takes us through the minds and lives of two young women while they're completing their final year of high school.</p>

MULTIMEDIA

SHORT FILM **Hair Love** is an Oscar winning animated short film. It explores a little girls' relationship with her father and her hair. The film encourages self-affirmation and individuality and provides a positive representation of black families and black hair. Watch: by Sony Animated Pictures. [Watch it here.](#)

VIDEO **Not-racist v anti-racist: what's the difference?**

John Amaechi is a psychologist, a New York Times best-selling author and a former NBA basketball player explains what it means to be anti-racist. [Watch it here.](#)

PODCAST **Home-school history: Mansa Musa**

Join Greg Jenner of Horrible Histories in medieval West Africa to meet the ruler of the Mali Empire and the richest man to ever live, Mansa Musa. [Listen here.](#)

VIDEO **CBBC Newsround on Black Lives Matter**

The children's TV programme Newsround ran an episode exploring racism, what happened to George Floyd and how the Black Lives Matters movement responded. Watch: George Floyd: Racism in the US by CBBC. [Find it here.](#) More from Newsround [here.](#)

Avenue Junior School is proud to be a School of Sanctuary. We strive to be a welcoming and inclusive school where all members of the community share our values; respect, resilience and aspiration. Our commitment to anti-racism is a key part of this vision.

In the consultation on racism that we conducted in the summer term of 2020, many parents and carers expressed an interest in the school sharing and signposting information and resources in order to support antiracist education in our community.

To that end, this document will host recommendations from our staff for books, websites, TV, film and other resources that you and your family may find of interest. Each half term we will add new recommendations.

If you have a suggestion for a resource to be added to these lists, we'd love to hear it! Let us know by completing [this form.](#)



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