



BRAESIDE READING NEWSLETTER




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Welcome back to our reading Newsletter!

Reading is a wonderful hobby, and you'll never be bored if you are a reader! This month, I have found a **Spring Reading Challenge** for you to participate in. I will send the grid below to each class so you can take part in it if you wish. You need to colour a square off from the grid once completed and document how you completed the challenge through photographs etc. Please send your completed grids to me with evidence by Friday 24 May and you will get the chance to feature in our June newsletter.

Happy reading,

Mrs Doss



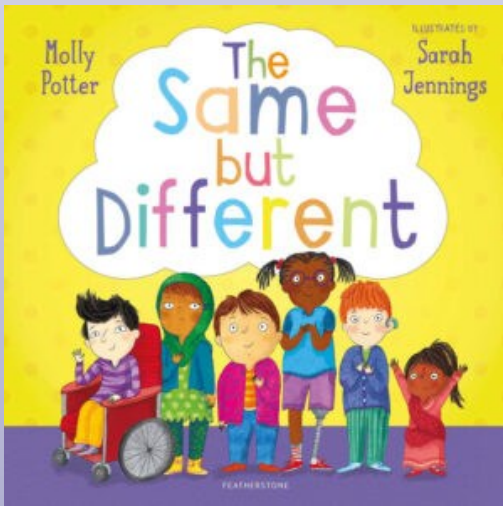
SPRING READING CHALLENGE

Color in a square each time you complete a task. One square equals 15 minutes of reading. Try and complete them all!

Read on a blanket under a tree	Read a nonfiction book or a biography	Read a book about spring	Read at your public library	Read a recipe and make it	Read to a Family member
Read on a cloudy day under a cozy blanket	Read to a pet	Read instructions to a game and then play it	Read while wearing mismatched socks	Have a parent read their favorite story	Read in a comfy chair
Read a book with a meal	Read an award winning book	Read while listening to music	Read in a fort or tent	Read while blowing bubbles	Read a book about the environment
Read a book while chewing gum	Draw a picture of what you are reading	Read a book about rain	Listen to an audiobook or read aloud online	Read on a swing	Read while in the car
Read a book with a flashlight	Read a book about sports	Read a comic book	Read in the bath	Read outside	Read a book about a garden

EYFS — Representation Through Books

We are continually adding to our book collection to ensure that we have access to a wealth of texts that promote diversity and inclusion. We endeavour to learn the importance of becoming empathetic and respectful citizens by embracing everyone's differences. At Braeside, we want our children to be able to discover other cultures but to also find their own positive role models within the pages of the books we have available here at school. Here are some great recommendations of books that celebrate difference and inclusivity across all key stages.

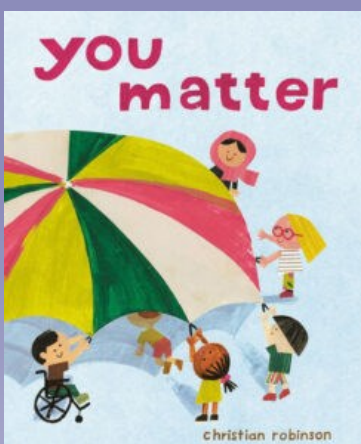
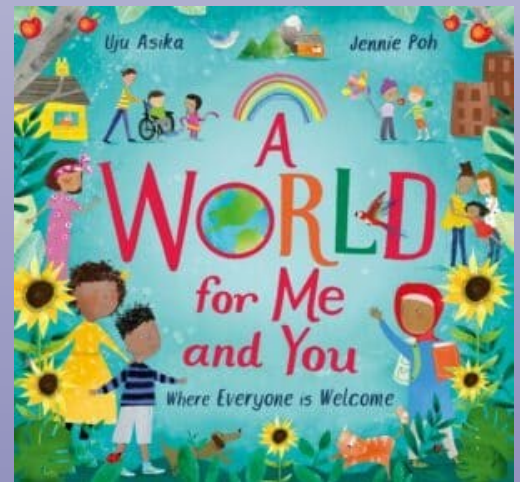


The Same but Different by Molly Potter and Sarah Jennings

From the bestselling author of *How Are You Feeling Today?*, this picture book encourages children to celebrate uniqueness and diversity and helps them to challenge stereotypes. *The Same but Different* explores the ways in which we're all unique as well as the similarities we all share.

A world for Me and You by Uju Asika and Jennie Poh

In this uplifting picture book, you imagine a world where everyone looks identical, where all food tastes the same, where we all speak the same language. A world that is...well, pretty boring. But with an explosion of colour, the pages soon come to life. This joyful picture book encourages children to imagine the world as a vast library, with room on the shelves for everybody's story. It is a celebration of our incredibly diverse world as it really is: home to 195 countries with thousands of different cultures, 10 million colours and 4,300 religions.

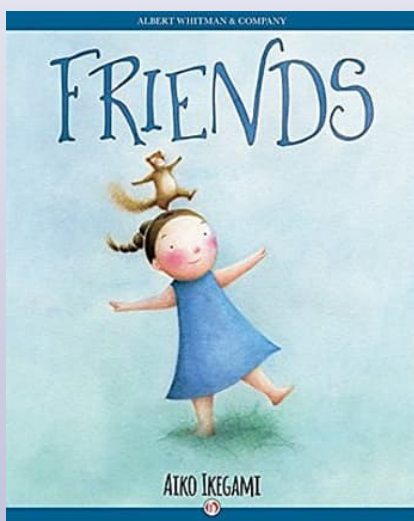


You Matter by Christian Robinson

This sensitive and impactful picture book from award-winning author-illustrator Christian Robinson is all about seeing the world from different points of view, and the perfect entry point for parents to help teach their little people about empathy and community. The small stuff too small to see. Those who swim with the tide and those who don't. The first to go and the last. You matter.

Key Stage 1 – Representation Through Books

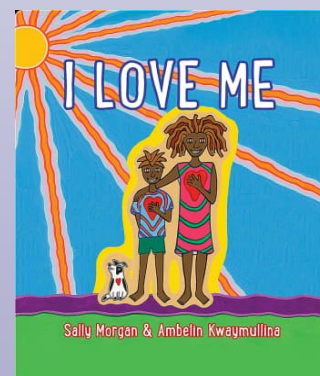
Friends by Aiko Ikegami



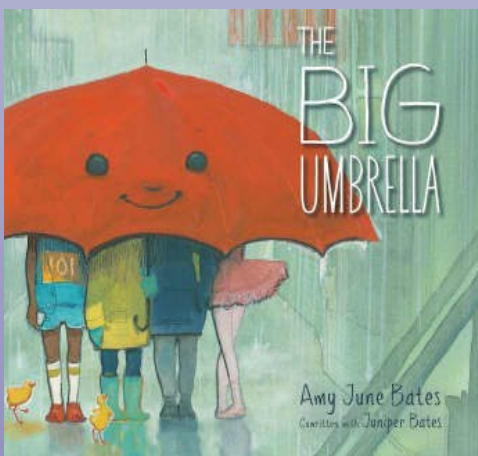
A girl from a faraway place begins her first day at school. She doesn't speak the language and she looks different. She just doesn't fit in. But one day, she makes an unexpected friend—a squirrel! Then a rabbit joins them. Soon the girl's fuzzy woodland friends are followed by human ones and school becomes more fun! When a surprising new student joins the class, the girl and her new friends know just how to make him feel at home.

It Love Me by Sally Morgan

Love Me is a vibrant, multi-coloured board book that teaches kids one of life's most important lessons: self acceptance.



The Big Umbrella by Amy Jane Bates



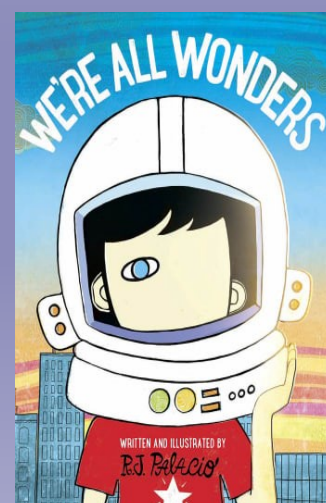
The big umbrella doesn't care if you're tall or hairy or plaid; it doesn't even care how many legs you have. The big umbrella has room for everyone underneath. Even if you think it's too full, there will always be room underneath the umbrella. This story subtly touches on the themes of difference and inclusion, and will make sure children feel welcome in your home or your classroom.

We're All Wonders by RJ Palacio

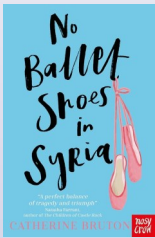
The beautiful message of 'Wonder' is reimagined as a picture book for Younger readers. In this story, Auggie and his dog Daisy go on their own

adventure, and readers can learn what it's like to live in Auggie's world - he feels just like any other kid, but not everyone sees him that way.

This book touches on the themes of belonging, empathy, difference and being seen for who you truly are.



Key stage 2 – Representation Through Books



'No Ballet Shoes in Syria' by Catherine Bruton

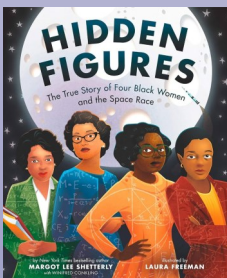
A young girl who has just arrived in Britain after seeking asylum from the war. This book is all about friendship and has a hopeful ending.

'The Girl with Space in her Heart' by Lara Williamson

Mabel is left with a hole in her heart when her mum and dad split, and her father then leaves home. The book also deals with issues surrounding anxiety, depression and bullying. A great book for helping children to develop their empathy for others.



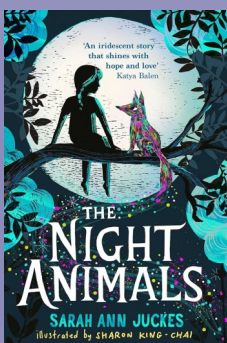
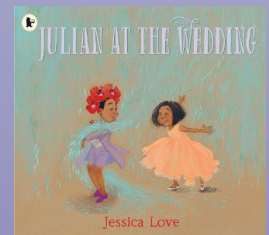
'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly



The story of three African American women who were leaders in the field of computing, helping to win the space race. This book deals with discrimination linked to both race and gender and shows what great things can happen when people persevere.

'Julian at the Wedding' by Jessica Love

This book is about celebrating individuality, acceptance and friendship. A follow up to the lovely 'Julian is a Mermaid'.

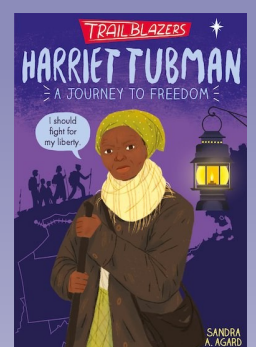


'The Night Animals' by Sarah Ann Jukes

Looks at mental health and family ties in a unique and beautifully illustrated way. The Night Animals shows that help can come in the most unlikely form when it is needed.

'Trail Blazers: Harriet Tubman' by Sandra Agard.

Agard details the life of the extraordinary Harriet who, after escaping slavery herself, made many dangerous journeys to escort around 300 other slaves to freedom.



Key stage 3 – Representation Through Books

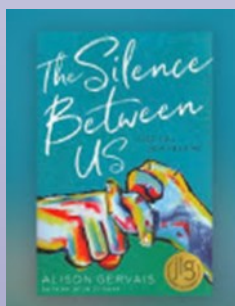


Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman

The first book in her series, Noughts and Crosses uses speculative fiction to examine themes of race, power and discrimination.

The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir by Thi Bui

The Best We Could Do draws on oral history and tells the story of Thi Bui's family before, during and after the Vietnam War, including the experience of immigrating to the United States as refugees.



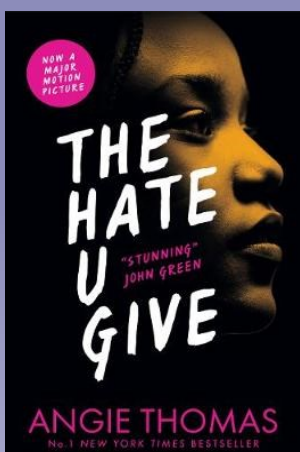
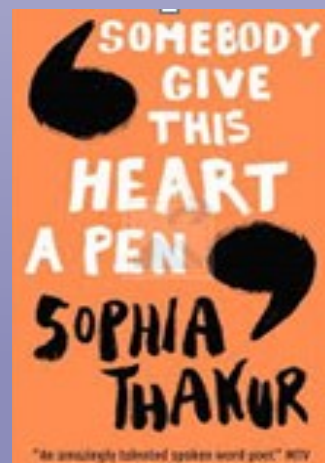
The Silence Between Us by Alison Gervais

The Silence Between Us tells the story of a deaf girl as she joins a hearing school for her senior year, with Alison Gervais drawing on her own experiences of being part of the deaf community after losing her hearing at a young age.

Key Stage 4– Representation Through Books

Somebody Give This Heart a Pen by Sophia Thakur

An anthology of work from the acclaimed performance poet, Sophia Thakur's poems explore topics that will resonate with many teenagers, such as self-confidence, relationships, politics and racism.



The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Thomas's debut novel explores race relations as it tells the story of a 16-year-old African American girl who witnesses a police shooting.