

SEAL & the Global Dimension

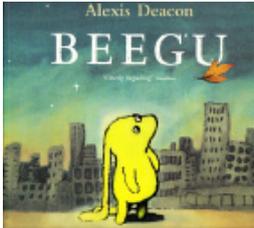


Recommended story books for use in assemblies or as stimuli for enquiries.

The books listed below are linked to the SEAL themes and all have a global dimension.

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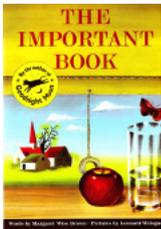


Beegu by Alexis Deacon
Beegu is not supposed to be on Earth. She is lost. She is a friendly little creature but the Earth People don't seem very welcoming at all. But so far she has only met the BIG ones. The little ones are a different matter...
A simple story which tackles the big issues of friendship, loneliness, diversity and inclusion.

SEAL theme:
Changes

Global Dimension:
Diversity

Foundation / KS1
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The Important Book by Margaret Wise Brown
This book looks at what is most important about lots of things that are familiar to us, such as the rain, a chair and a bee, and can encourage children to think about what they think is important to them.

SEAL theme:
Good to be me

Global Dimension:

Foundation/KS1 (story) or up to adult (P4C)
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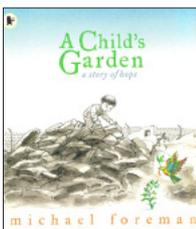


For Every Child from Unicef
The Rights of the Child in words and pictures. Each right is brought to life by a well-known children's book illustrator. The wonderfully varied work could act as stimulus for children's own creative responses to the rights. The book also supports the primary Citizenship curriculum, unit 7.

SEAL theme:
New Beginnings

Global Dimension:
Human Rights

KS2/KS3
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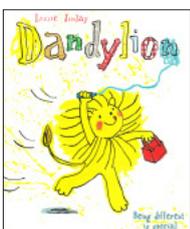


A Child's Garden by Michael Foreman
In a ruined village, torn apart by war, a barbed wire fence cuts off a little boy from the hills he loved to walk in. But does a tiny green shoot spell hope?
A thoughtful story about hope and reconciliation which would be an excellent stimulus for enquiry within PSHE & Citizenship.

SEAL theme:
Getting On & Falling Out

Global Dimension:
Conflict Resolution

KS1
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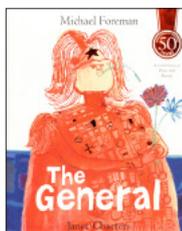
Dandy Lion by Lizzie Finlay
A story about diversity, acceptance and belonging. Dandy Lion is sent home from school because he's too messy for Miss Gardener's neat and tidy class. It doesn't take long, however, for everyone to realise that too much neatness and order isn't always a good thing and everyone's desperate for Dandy Lion to return!

SEAL theme:
Good to be me

Global Dimension:
Diversity

KS1

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The General

by Michael Foreman & Janet Charters

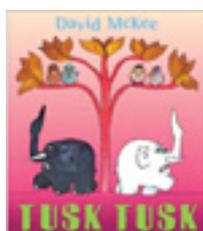
There was once a proud general who fell off his horse, only to discover the beauty of the flowers on the ground around him. From that day on, he vowed to change the world into a place of peace and beauty.

SEAL theme:
Good to be me

Global Dimension:
Conflict resolution

KS2

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Tusk Tusk by David McKee

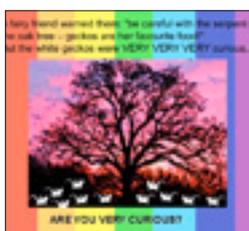
A lovely story about conflict and co-operation. What happens when the white elephants and the black elephants fight. A great way to start teaching about racial tolerance.

SEAL theme:
Getting on & falling out

Global Dimension:
Conflict resolution /
Diversity

KS1 or KS1-2 for P4C

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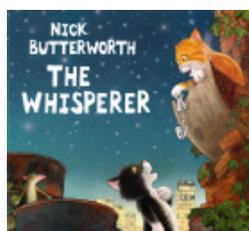
Geckos and Dinosaurs adaptation of a story by Ruben Alves

A story exploring ideas about self-interest, growth and sustainability. The white geckos ignore the warning to stay clear of the serpent in the oak tree and become transformed into powerful dinosaurs, but with disastrous consequences. Part of a series of communities of enquiry on the 'Rainbow Space' section of the OSDE (Open Spaces for Dialogue and Enquiry) methodology website.

SEAL theme:
Changes / Getting on and Falling Out /
Anti-bullying

Global Dimension:
Sustainable Dev. /
Conflict Resolution
KS1-3

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The Whisperer by Nick Butterworth

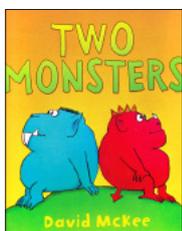
Amusing Romeo and Juliet tale told from the viewpoint of a rather sardonic rat about two cats from rival gangs that fall in love. Their rather mixed offspring bring peace to the backyards at last. A story about the value of diversity.

SEAL theme:
Good to be me /
Getting on & falling out /
Anti bullying

Global Dimension:
Diversity

KS1

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Two Monsters by David McKee

Two monsters living on opposite sides of the mountain cannot agree on whether the day is leaving or night is coming. How do they resolve their conflict? A fun and interesting way of showing how minor disagreements can escalate into something much more harmful.

SEAL theme:
Getting on & Falling out

Global Dimension:
Conflict Resolution

KS1-2

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Daft Bat by Jeanne Willis

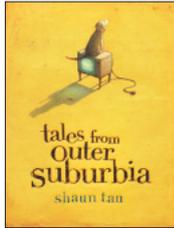
All the wild, young animals think Bat is mad. How can she say a tree has the trunk at the top and the leaves at the bottom? But then Wise Owl suggests that if they just try looking at things from Bat's point of view, they might see things very differently. This attractive picture book written with Tony Ross is great for talking about different perspectives with young children.

SEAL theme:
Good to be me /
Getting on & Falling out /
Anti bullying

Global Dimension:
Diversity

Foundation/KS1 or
KS1-2 for P4C

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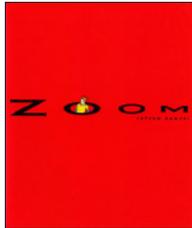
Tales from Outer Suburbia by Shaun Tan
15 short stories which includes the story 'Eric' about a foreign exchange student who comes to stay and decides to sleep in a cup in the pantry. The family is worried about how Eric is feeling and if he is having a good time, but when he goes back home, they find he has left them a lovely surprise in the pantry.

SEAL theme:
Good to be me

Global Dimension:
Diversity

KS1-3

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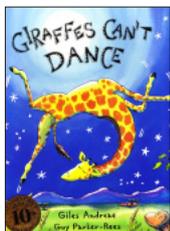
Zoom by Istvan Banyai
A book without words, this is a series of images which zooms out and out and out from the first picture, and challenges our perceptions of what we think we can see.

SEAL theme:

Global Dimension:
Values & Perceptions

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Giraffes Can't Dance
by Giles Andreae & Guy Parker-Rees
A rhyming story about Gerard, the giraffe who feels sad because he can't dance like the other animals. He meets a cricket in the forest who says "Sometimes when you're different, you just need a different song" and soon Gerard finds his own dancing style. A lovely story about diversity and finding self-confidence.

SEAL theme:
Good to be me

Global Dimension:
Diversity

Foundation / KS1

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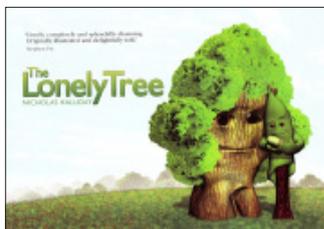
Voices in the Park by Anthony Browne
Four different voices tell their own version of the same walk in the park. The radically different perspectives provide depth to this simple story about overcoming adult snobbery, which explores many key themes such as alienation, friendship and the bizarre amid the mundane.

SEAL theme:

Global Dimension:
Values & Perceptions

KS1 or KS1-2 for P4C

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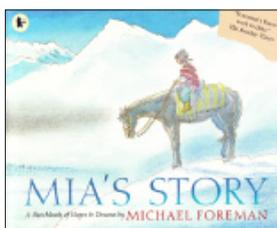
The Lonely Tree by Nicholas Halliday
A picture book about a young evergreen tree growing in the New Forest who is befriended by an old oak tree. The story takes us through the seasons in the forest as the tree experiences death and new life.

SEAL theme:
Relationships

Global Dimension:
Sustainable
Development

KS1-2

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Mia's Story by Michael Foreman
Inspiring story based on Michael Foreman's experience of meeting the villagers in the Chilean Andes. The village used to be surrounded by farmland but as the nearby city grew all the villagers could harvest was the rubbish that the city threw away. Mia makes a wonderful discovery when her dog goes missing in the mountains which changes their lives for ever.

SEAL theme:
Going for Goals

Global Dimension:
Global Citizenship

KS1-2