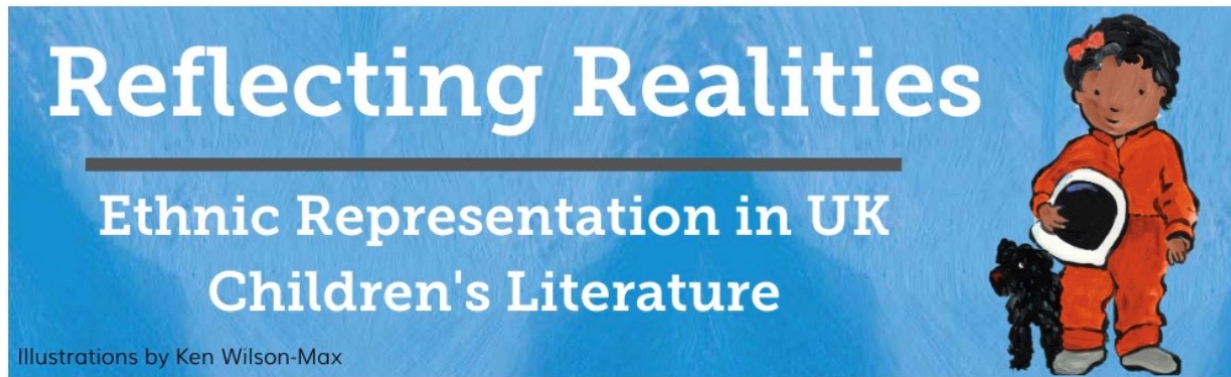


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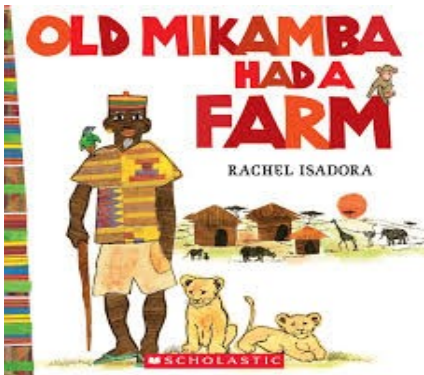
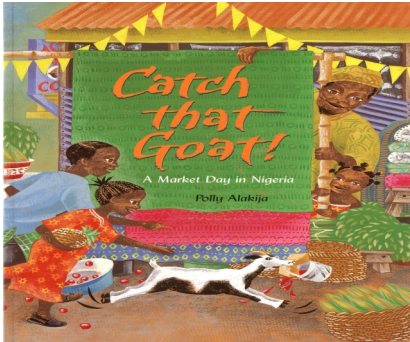
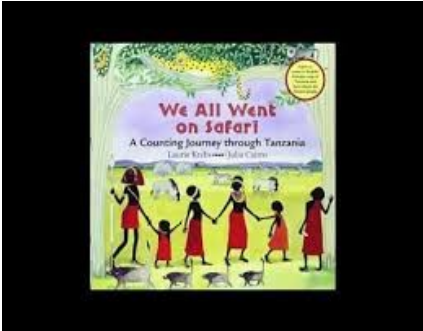
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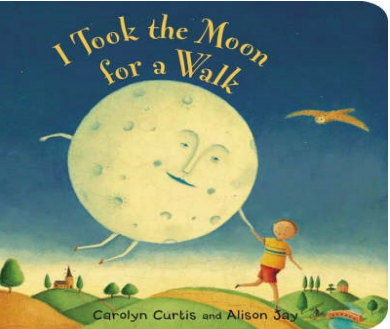
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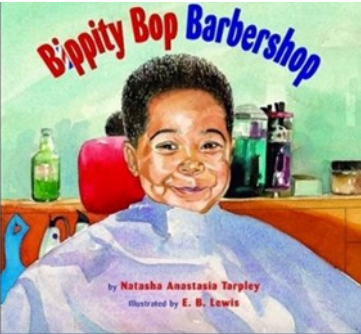
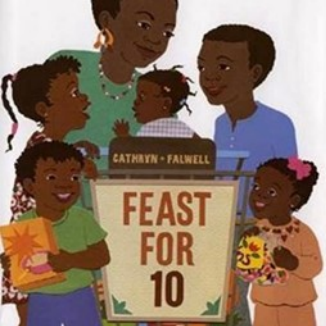
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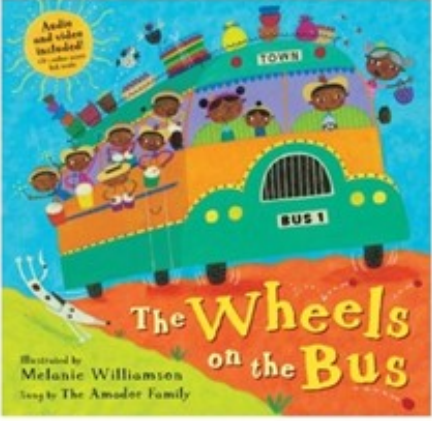
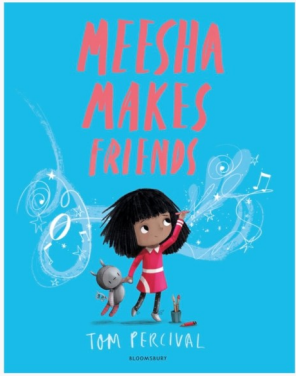
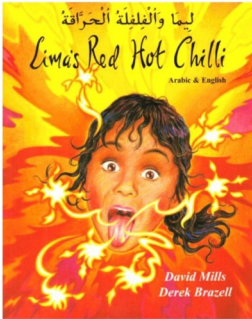
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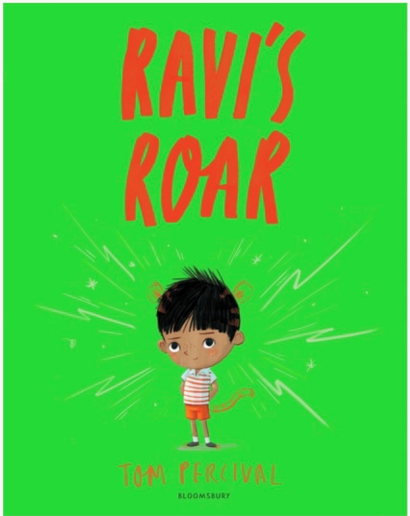
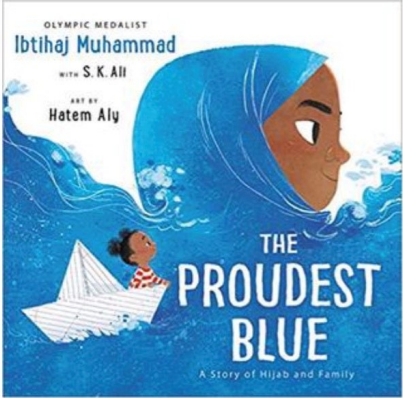
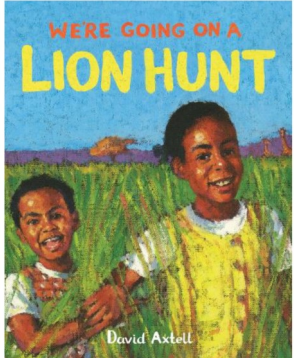
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<p>Old Mikamba had a farm</p> <p>Tanzania</p> <p>Author: Rachel Isadora</p> <p>ISBN: 978-0-399-25740-7</p>		<p>Engaging reworking of a familiar format. Good for phonological awareness development for tuning into specific sounds e.g. What sound does a lizard make?</p>
<p>Catch that Goat (Barefoot Books)</p> <p><i>Nigeria</i></p> <p>Author: Polly Alakija</p>		<p>Very engaging large illustrations and clear repetitive phrases. Children and parents of African heritage have commented positively in seeing the images.</p>
<p>We all went on Safari (Barefoot Books)</p> <p>Tanzania</p> <p>Authors: Laurie Krebs and Julia Cairns</p>		<p>Engaging and rhythmic text. Counting in Swahili– also good for syllable awareness.</p>

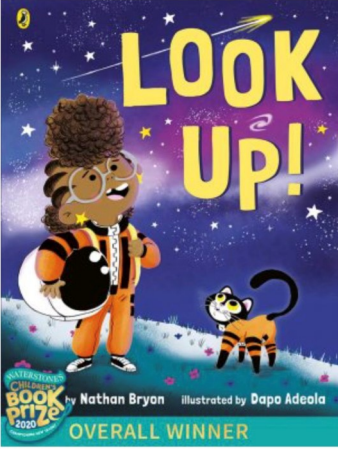

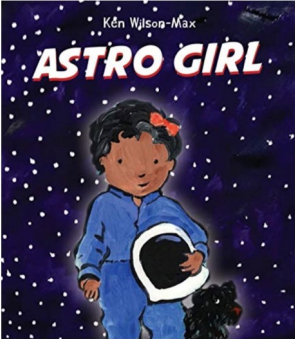
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<p>Chicken in the Kitchen</p> <p>Nigeria</p> <p>Author: Nnedi Okoratur (2015)</p> <p>ISBN: 9782993251-2-7</p>		<p>Child awakes to find a giant chicken in her kitchen. What can she do? Will she be able to save the food for the New Yam festival?</p>
<p>I Took the Moon for A Walk</p> <p>Author: Carolyn Curtis</p> <p>ISBN: 9781846862007</p>		<p>Available in a range of languages from Barefoot Books/Mantra Lingua.</p> <p>Delightful tale about a child's imaginative outing discovering the moon following him.</p>

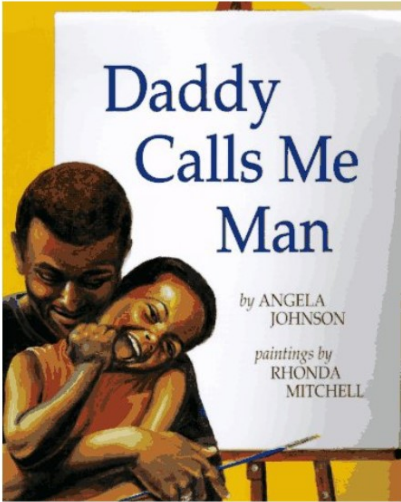
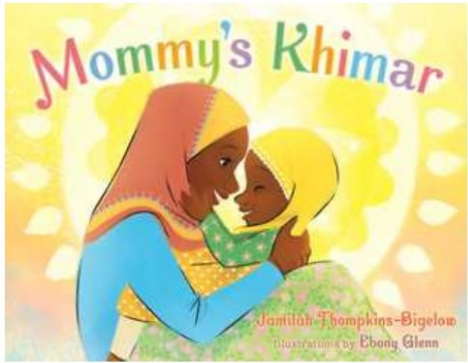
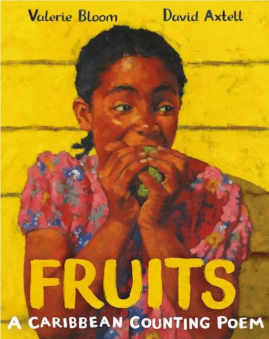
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<p>Chapati Moon (2017) Author: Pippa Goodhart and Lizzie Finlay</p>		<p>A retelling of the Gingerbread man. Lots of diverse cultural references.</p>
<p>Bippity bop barbershop ISBN- 10-0316033820</p>		<p>Story of a young boy's first trip to the barbershop with his dad. Explores feelings of anxiety and overcoming a fear.</p>
<p>Feast for ten Cathryn Falwell ISBN-13-978-0395720813</p>		<p>A rhyming and counting book showing how an African American family shop, cook and prepare a family dinner.</p>

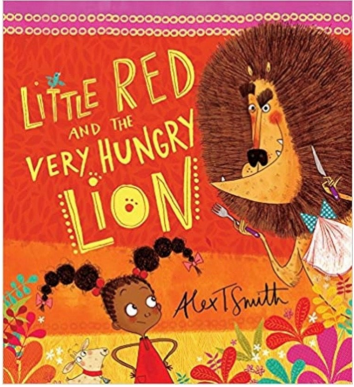
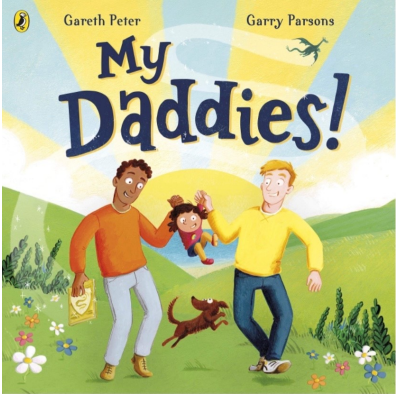
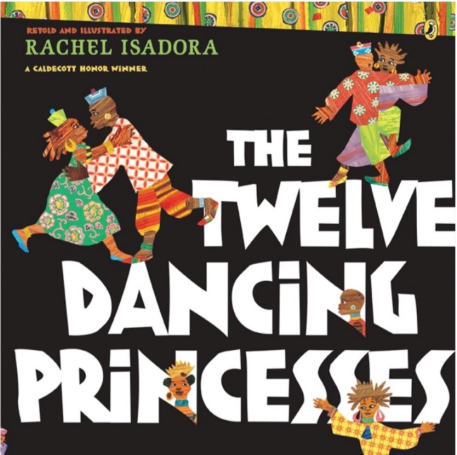
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<p>The wheels on the bus.</p> <p>Barefoot books</p> <p>ISBN- 10-1846867886</p>		<p>Exciting bus ride from a Guatemalan village to the market. Unexpected additions are made to the traditional song. Diverse images.</p>
<p>Meesha makes friends</p> <p>Tony Percival (2020)</p> <p>ISBN-10-152661295X</p>		<p>Meesha love doing many things but she finds it difficult to make friends. But one day she discovers a special talent and things change.</p>
<p>Lima's Red Hot Chilli</p> <p>David Mills</p>		<p>Lima is really hungry so she tries to find a snack but there are lots of problems. Then she bits a red hot chilli.....</p> <p>Available in multiple languages</p>

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<p>Mungo Makes New Friends</p> <p>Author: Gill Aitchison</p> <p>ISBN: 978178741666</p>		<p>New book set in the Highlands of Scotland.</p> <p>Story about friendships. An old horse Mungo is introduced to new friends.</p> <p>Available in 20 Languages from Mantralingua</p>
<p>I Just Want to Say Goodnight</p> <p>Author: Rachel Isadore</p>		<p>Rachel Isadora's stunning oil paintings illustrate this delightful bedtime tale, set on the African plains.</p> <p>Appealing to all children</p>
<p>Sleep Well Siba and Saba (2017)</p> <p>By Nansubuga Nagadya</p> <p>ISBN: -10-1911373102</p>		<p>Rhythmic Text</p> <p>Good for hearing Alliteration</p> <p>Beautiful imagery.</p>

Book title and Author		blurb
<p>Ravi's Roar</p> <p>Tom Precival</p> <p>ISBN-978-1-408892176</p>		<p>An engaging story exploring anger and managing big feelings.</p>
<p>The Proudest Blue</p> <p>Ibtihaj Muhammad</p> <p>ISBN-10-1783449721</p>		<p>It's Faizah's first day of school and also the first day of wearing her beautiful blue hijab for her big sister Asiya. But not everyone thinks hijab is beautiful.</p> <p>A very relatable story for many nursery families.</p>
<p>We're going on a lion hunt</p> <p>David Axtell</p> <p>ISBN-978-1-5290-0755-8</p>		<p>Two girls decide to go on a lion hunt and they are not scared.</p> <p>An exciting retelling of a traditional tale.</p>

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<p>Look Up!</p> <p>Nathan Bryan</p> <p>ISBN-9780-241345849</p>		<p>Rocket loves everything about space and she wants to be the greatest astronaut ever.</p>
<p>My Pet Star</p> <p>Corrinne Averiss</p> <p>ISBN-978-1408353639</p>		<p>A little girl finds a lost star. She takes it home and cares for it like a pet. The star glows brighter and brighter until one day it's time to let go.....</p>
<p>Astro Girl</p> <p>Ken Wilson-Max</p> <p>ISBN-978-1910959213</p>		<p>Astrid wants to be an astronaut when she grows up. She spends all day practising space activities with her Papa. Then it's time to meet Mama.</p>

Book title and Author		blurb
<p>Daddy calls me man. A. Johnson 978-0531300428</p>		<p>Story of a young boy, Noah, exploring four aspects of family life based on paintings by his parents.</p> <p>Large, beautiful illustrations are very engaging for young learners.</p>
<p>Mommy's Khimar J. Thompkins Bigelow 978-1534400597</p>		<p>A young Muslim girl spends a busy day wrapped up in her mum's headscarf. Her imaginative ideas will appeal to all children.</p>
<p>Fruits A Caribbean Counting Poem V. Bloom 978-1529007565</p>		<p>A colourful counting book set in the Caribbean. Enjoy finding out how much fruit a young girl can eat in one day.</p> <p>Learn about typical fruits from the region.</p>

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<p>Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion (2015)</p> <p>African savanna</p> <p>Alex T Smith</p> <p>ISBN-978-1-407 143-90-3</p>		<p>A traditional tale with a safari twist.</p> <p>Little Red is about to be eaten by a lion. Or so the lion thinks.</p>
<p>My Daddies! (2021)</p> <p>Gareth Peter Garry Parsons</p> <p>ISBN-0241405777</p>		<p>A beautiful picture book celebrating same-sex parents, perfect for introducing children to the different kinds of family in the world today.</p>
<p>Twelve Dancing Princesses</p> <p>Rachel Isadora</p> <p>ISBN-014214506</p>		<p>A reimaging of a classical fairy tale which is relocated to Africa. Vibrant and engaging illustrations.</p>

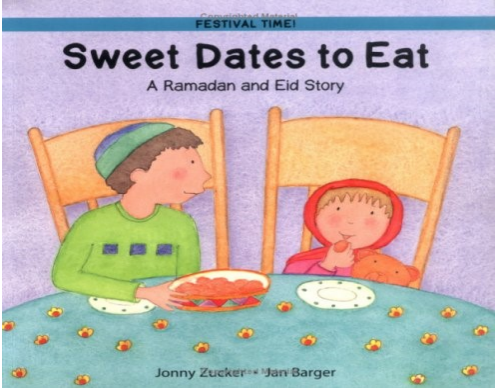
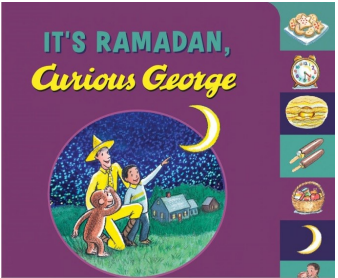
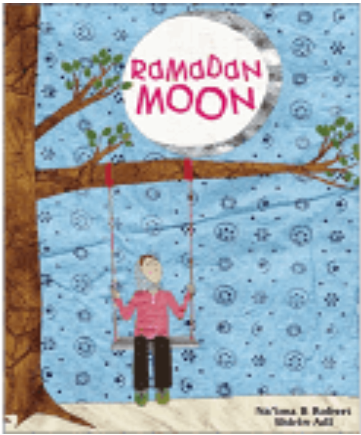
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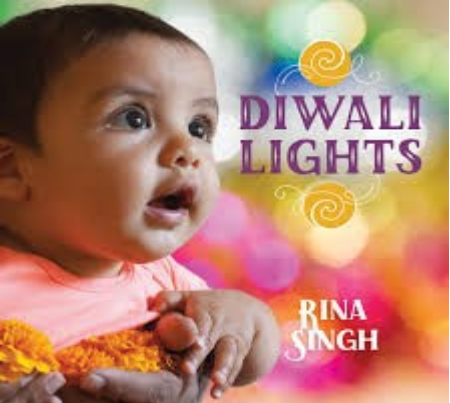
Ramadan

Diwali



Holi (The Festival of Colours)

Nowruz (Iranian New Year)


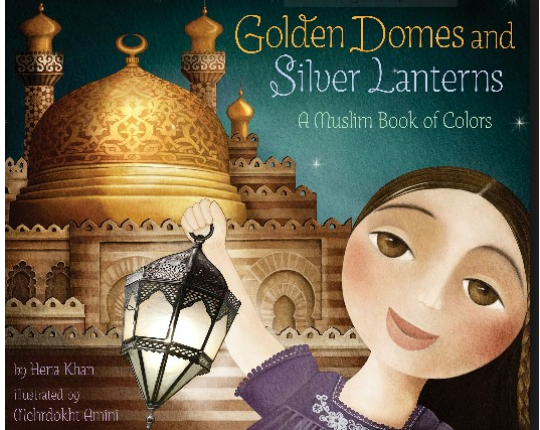
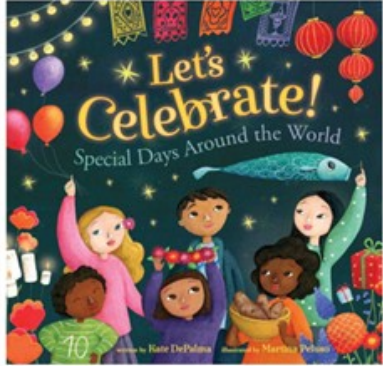
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<p>Sweet Dates To Eat</p> <p>Author: Jonny Zucker</p> <p>ISBN: 10: 1845072944</p>		<p>Introduces young children to the Muslim season of Ramadan and Eid. Follow a family as they fast , go to the mosque and enjoy a delicious feast to celebrate the beginning of Eid.</p>
<p>It's Ramadan Curious George</p>		<p>Curious George is celebrating Ramadan with his friend Kareem's family and learning about the crescent moon and Ramadan traditions.</p>
<p>Ramadan Moon</p> <p>Author: Na'ima B Robert and sharin Adil</p>		<p>Engaging Illustrations. Accessible information about Ramadan in an engaging way/story format.</p>

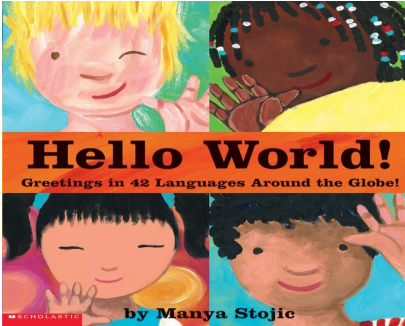
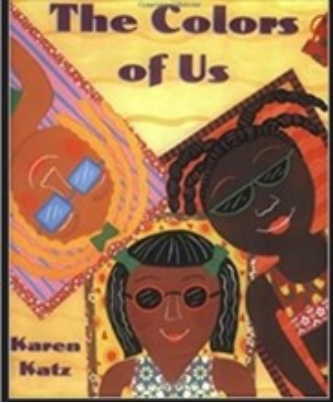
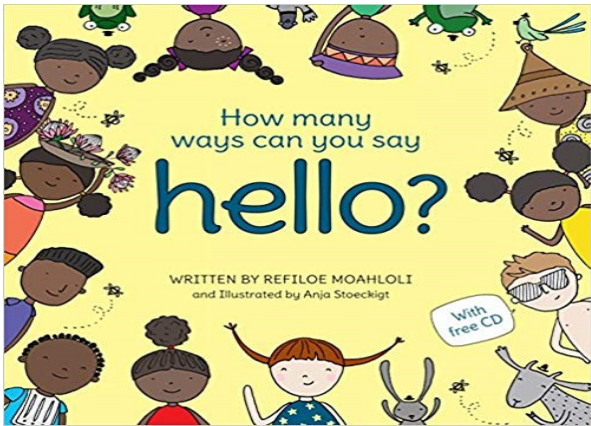
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<p>DIWALI Acorn Books</p>		<p>Pictorial walk through Diwali. Good for discussion.</p>
<p>FESTIVALS/BOOK PACK FROM BOOK PEOPLE</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter, Ramadan, The Birthday of Guru Nanak • Yom Kippur, Holi, Passover • Diwali, Christmas • Eid ul-Fitr • Chinese New Year • These books are photographic and contain a brief over-
<p>Diwali Lights Author: Rina Singh ISBN 9781459819085</p>		<p>Rhyming Text with vivid photographs for young children showing how Diwali is celebrated.</p>

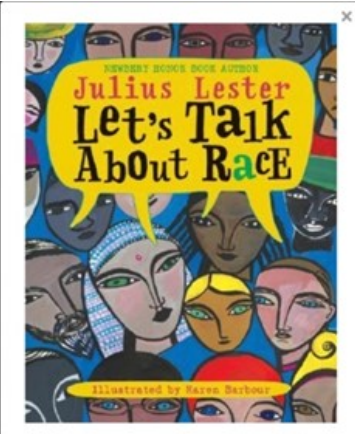


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<p>Rama and Sita. The story of Diwali</p> <p>Author: Malachy Doyle</p> <p>ISBN –13 978-1472954695</p>		<p>Fairly simple retelling of the story with engaging illustrations.</p>
<p>Diwali (Festivals Around The World) by Grace Jones</p>		<p>Colourful photographic images/short text about Diwali.</p>
<p>Seven Special Somethings.</p> <p>A Nowruz Story A. Khorram</p> <p>ISBN-10-0593108264</p>		<p>Do you have Iranian heritage learners who may celebrate Nowruz?</p> <p>This colourful story is based on a boy called Kian looking for another object beginning with S as he hopes it will increase his family’s happiness for the New Year.</p>

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<p>Holi Colors R.Singh ISBN-13-978-1459818491</p>		<p>This Hindu festival celebrate the arrival of Spring and is also known as the festival of Colours.</p> <p>Explore a rainbow of colours with the beautiful photographs in this book.</p>
<p>Festival of Colors S. Sehgal ISBN-10-14811420496</p>		<p>Siblings Mintoo and Chintoo are collecting flowers to make into a rainbow of coloured powders. This powder will be thrown everywhere during the celebration of Holi, which marks the arrival of Spring.</p>

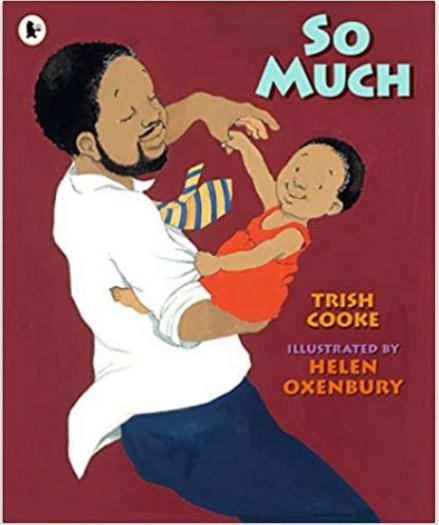
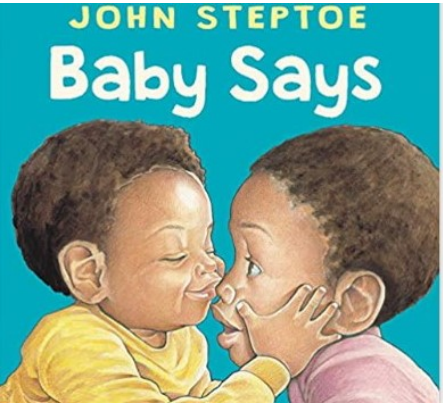

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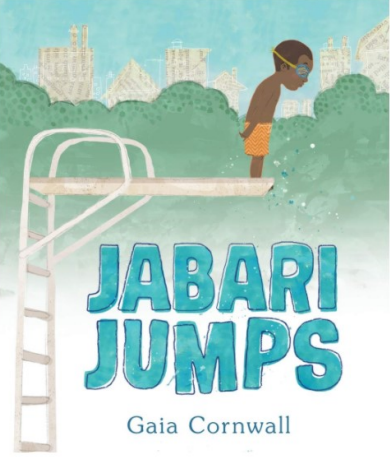
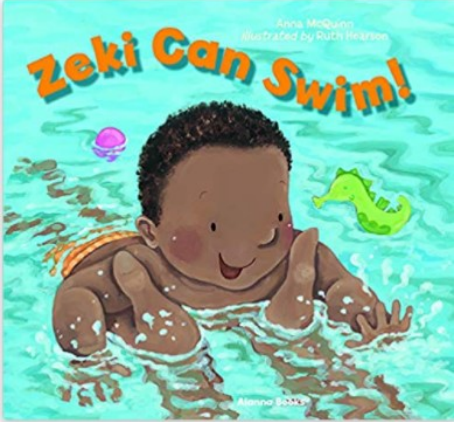

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<p>Children of the World</p> <p>Barefoot books</p> <p>ISBN- 13-978-1782853329</p>		<p>This colourful book encourages children to think about their own experiences and provides exciting views into the experiences of others.</p> <p>Celebrates big ideas, special days and everyday moments that all children share.</p>
<p>Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colours</p> <p>Author: Hena Khan</p>		<p>With superb illustrations and informative text, <i>Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns</i> magnificently captures the world of Islam, celebrating its beauty and traditions for even the youngest readers. Sure to inspire questions and observations about world religions and cultures, this entrancing volume is equally at home in the classroom as it is being read to a child on a parent's lap.</p>
<p>Let's Celebrate</p> <p>Barefoot books.</p> <p>ISBN- 13-978-1782858348</p>		<p>Rhyming text and colourful illustrations celebrating 13 special days from cultures around the world.</p>

Book title		blurb
<p>Hello World</p>		<p>Large illustrations and covers a wide range of languages. Good starting point for making your own book with languages in your setting.</p>
<p>The colours of us Karen Katx ISBN- 10-0805058648</p>		<p>A positive and affirming look at skin colour. Young children are aware of the differences in skin colour and it is important to talk about this. This book celebrates the differences and similarities that connect all people.</p>
<p>How many ways can you say hello?(2017)</p> <p>Author: Refiloe Moahloli ISBN:978-1-48590-030-6</p>		<p>A colourful narration takes the reader through a new “school day ”and many ways to say HELLO.</p> <p>Comes with a CD to help pronounce the HELLOS.</p>

Book title and Author		blurb
<p>Let's talk about race</p> <p>Julius Lester</p> <p>ISBN-10-0064462269</p>		<p>A useful book for introducing talk about race and how people are judged on their appearance.</p> <p>Very engaging pictures.</p>
<p>A Kid's book about race</p> <p>Jelani Memory</p> <p>ISBN-978-1-951253-00-4</p>		<p>Provides a clear description of what racism is and how it makes people feel.</p> <p>Ideal introduction to the topic for young children.</p>
<p>Heroes Who Help Us From around the world</p> <p>2019</p> <p>Liz Gogerly</p> <p>Ryan Wheatcroft</p> <p>ISBN-978-1-4451 6567 7</p>		<p>Lots of diverse images of people round the world helping us, keeping us safe and making the world a better place.</p>

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<p>So Much T Cooke</p> <p>978-0763640910</p>		<p>Mum and baby are waiting at home. The door bell rings and lots of relatives arrive. They all play with the baby in different ways. Then daddy arrives and we find out it's his birthday.</p> <p>Repeated phrases, sing along rhymes and Caribbean dialect makes this story ideal for reading aloud to very young children.</p>
<p>Baby Says J. Steptoe</p> <p>978-0688074241 (234)</p>		<p>A baby and big brother figure out how to get along.</p>
<p>Kiss by Kiss. A counting book for families</p> <p>R.Van Camp</p> <p>978-1459816213</p>		<p>Beautiful photos of families sharing kisses. A delightful way to explore counting to ten and beginning again.</p> <p>Dual language book English/Plains Cree</p>

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<p>Jabari Jumps G. Cornwall</p> <p>ISBN 10-1406380873</p>		<p>Jabari is ready to do his first jump off the diving board. As he watches the others he gets nervous. His Dad is on hand to help Jabari overcome his fear.</p>
<p>Zeki can swim A McQuinn</p> <p>ISBN 1907825134</p>		<p>This board book has large, bold illustrations about a trip to the swimming pool with your Dad.</p>
<p>Hey Baby! A Baby's Day in Doodles A Pippins</p> <p>ISBN 13– 978 1984849519</p>		<p>Follow a baby through the day. Beautiful colour photos bring the text to life.</p>

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