

Picturebooks as a resource for exploring language and identity





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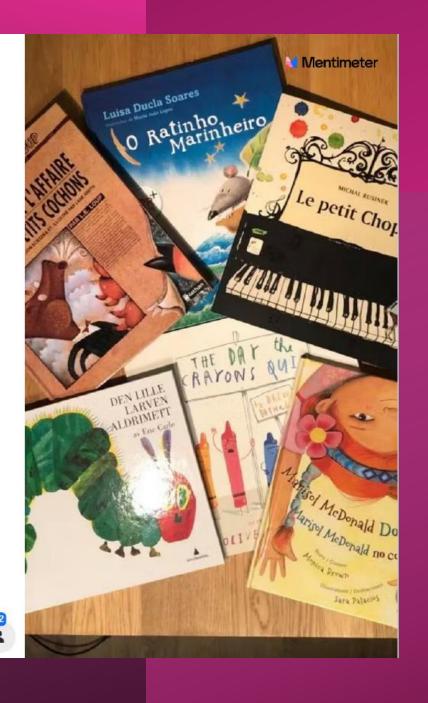
## What is a picturebook?

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#### What is a picturebook?

30 responses

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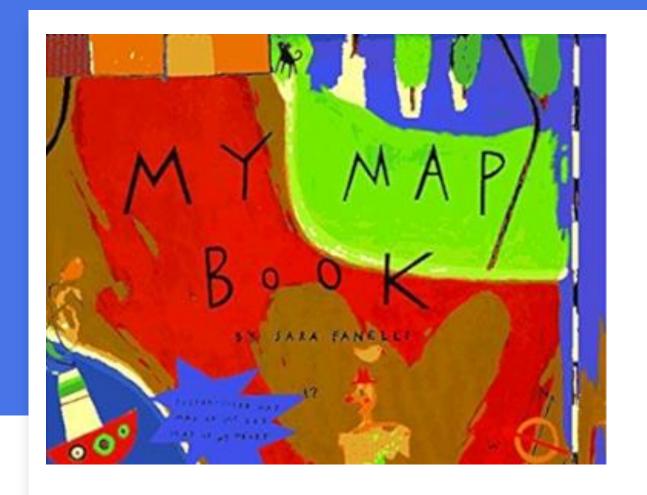


## What is a picturebook?

A picture book is **text**, **illustrations**, total **design**; an item of manufacture and a commercial **product**; a social, cultural, historical **document**; and foremost, an **experience** for a child. As an **art form**, it hinges on the interdependence of pictures and words, on the simultaneous display of two facing pages, and on the drama of turning the page. On its own terms its possibilities are limitless.

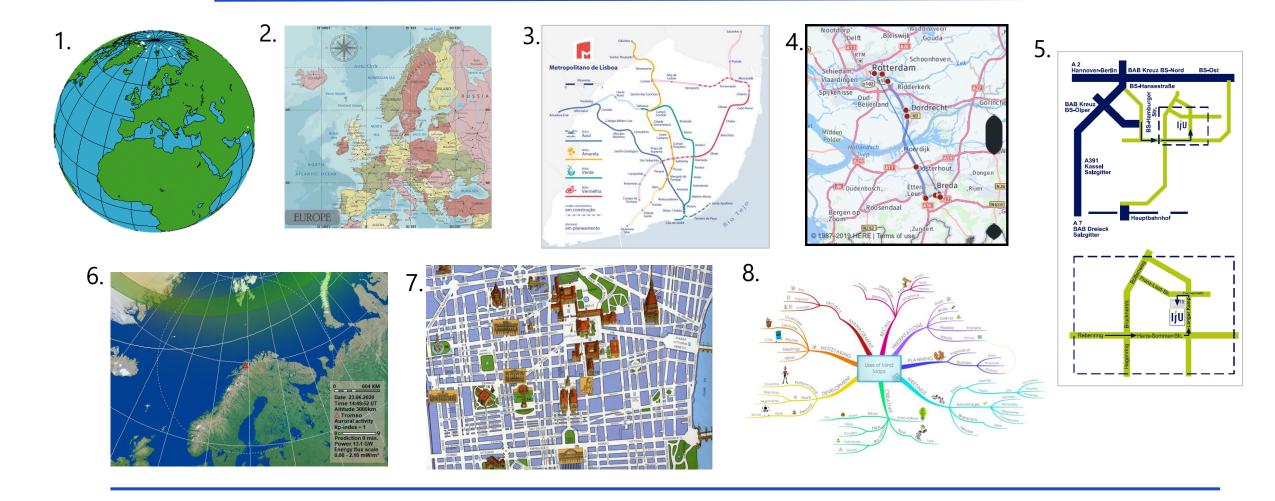
(Barbara Bader, from *American Picturebooks from Noah's Ark* to the Beast Within, 1976)

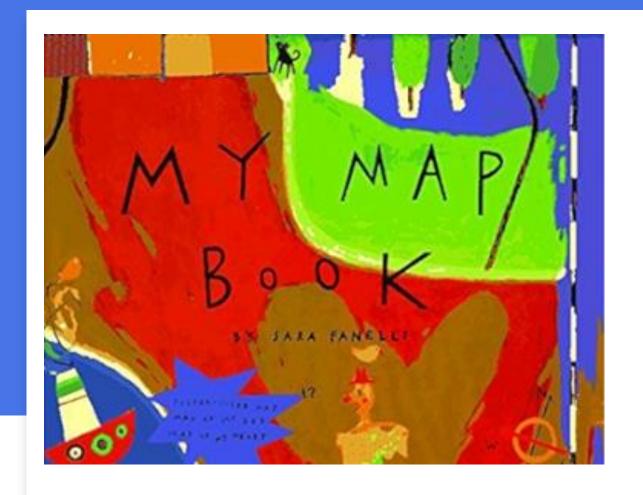
Mourão, S. (2015)



## What is a map?

## Different maps





## What is identity?

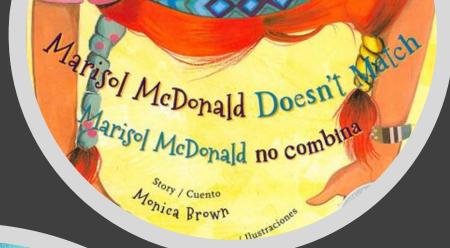
## What is **identity**?

Identity is ...

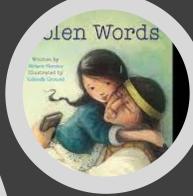
Etymology:
'idem' = sameness, continuity,
 similarity, constancy

Difference:
unique, changing, multiple,
dynamic, multidimensional,
choice/agency, self-representation,
perception, imposition, positioning
and negotiating













Personal Gender Multilingual Indigenous Migration



## Diversity in Children's Books **2015**

Percentages of books depicting characters from diverse backgrounds.

Based on the 2015 publishing statistics compiled by the Cooperative Children's

Book Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison,

ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp



0.9%
American
Indians/
First Nations

2.4% Latinx

% 3.3%

Asian Pacifics/

Asian Pacific

Americans

7.6%
African/
African
Americans

12.5%\* Animals, Trucks, etc. 73.3%\*\* White

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<sup>\*</sup> About a quarter of the total children's books published in 20th were picture books, and about half of those depict non-human characters, like animals & trucks.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The remainder depict white characters.



Percentage of books depicting characters from diverse backgrounds based on the 2018 publishing statistics compiled by the Cooperative Children's Book Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison: ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/pcstats.asp



American Indians/ First Nations Latinx

Asian Pacific Islander/Asian Pacific American African/ African American

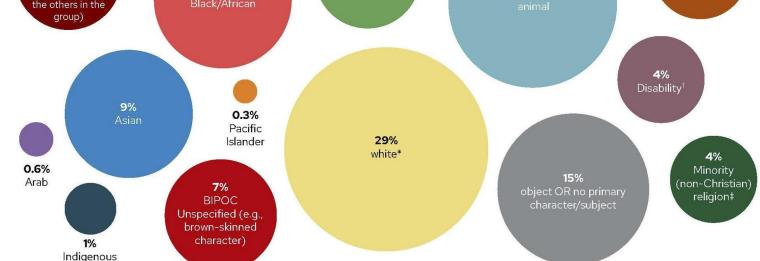
Animals/Other

White

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The CCBC inventory includes 3,134 books published in 2018. This graphic would not have been possible without the statistics compiled by the CCBC, and the review and feedback we received from Edith Compbell, Molly Beth Griffin, K. T. Homing, Debbie Reese, Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, and Madeline Tyner. Many thonks.

# 2022 CCBC Diversity Statistics: PRIMARY CHARACTER/SUBJECT Race/Ethnicity, Disability, LGBTQ, Religion 6% diverse group of characters or subjects (i.e., no character/subject is more primary than the others in the group) 12% Black/African 22% animal



39% of total books (3,451) received have at least one BIPOC primary character (fiction) or human subject (nonfiction).

Individual books with multiple primary characters/subjects or primary characters/subjects with multiracial or intersectional identities will be counted in all applicable categories. Percentages are not mutually exclusive and cannot be combined to calculate a total of the whole.

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\* "White" is not counted for multiracial characters/subjects so as not to misrepresent a BIPOC individual as white.

> t"Disability" includes physical, cognitive, neurological, and psychiatric disabilities.

‡2% Jewish, 1% Muslim, 0.5% other minority religion

## Picturebook metalanguage

Peritext

Author / illustrator / picturebook creator

Copyright page / dedication page

Opening

**Award** 

Front cover / back cover

Front endpapers / back endpapers

Blurb

Title page

Prologue illustration

Hardback / softback

## Questions to guide exploration of peritext

- 1. What do the front and back covers show you? Are they one whole illustration or not? How does this help you in picturebook read-aloud?
- 2. How many people are involved in the creation of the picturebook? An author and an illustrator or a picturebook creator?
- 3. Has the book won an award? How will you talk about this during the read-aloud?
- 4. Are there any endpapers? If yes, what are they like? Are they important to the visual narrative? Can you refer to them during the read-aloud? When? Before or after the read-aloud event?
- 5. Who is the picturebook dedicated to and is it suitable to reference during the read-aloud?
- 6. What about the title page, how does it fit into the visual narrative, if at all? Could you refer to the title page during the read-aloud?
- 7. Are there any additional pages / openings? Do they have any prologue or epilogue illustrations which you should show the children? What questions might you ask?

(Based on ICEPro course, ICEPELL)

## Picturebook Selection Questions Guide



### Intercultural Citizenship Education through Picturebooks in early English Language Learning





#### Part 1: PICTUREBOOK INFORMATION

Name of picturebook	Publisher	
Creator(s) (author +	Prize(s)	
illustrator + translator)		
	Possible age range	

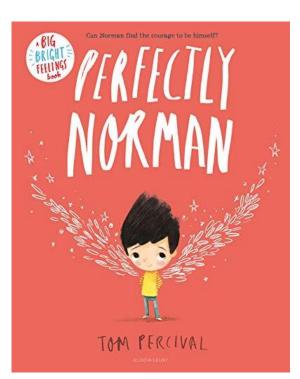
#### Part 2: ICF CONTENT

Focal field 1: Socially responsible behaviour - interaction with others			With
Does the picturebook			mediation#
1	provide examples of relating to and empathizing with others?		
2	provide examples of treating others with fairness, mutual respect and trust?		
3	provide opportunities to counter racism, prejudice and discrimination? *		
4	provide examples of standing up for others who are treated unfairly?		
5	provide examples of children's rights in action as per UNCRC 1989?		
6	provide examples of peaceful / respectful communication and interaction?		
7	provide examples of solidarity i.e., service to others (volunteering, animal shelters, food banks etc.)?		
8	help children become aware of and or question certain values?		
9	highlight the consequences of certain actions?		
10	provide examples of advocating for political or social issues that can help others e.g., recycling,		
	advocating against child labour, use of fair-trade products?		
Focal field 2: Socially responsible behaviour - interaction with local and global issues		Explicit	With
Does the picturebook provide suitable / age-appropriate access to worldwide problems that include			mediation#
1	migration, asylum and refugee stories?		
2	environmental issues and or nature conservation?		

(Becker, Ibrahim & Mourão, 2022)

### Picturebook Selection Questions Guide

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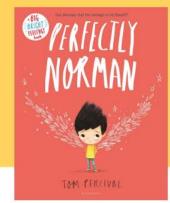


### Focal field 3: Sense of belonging and knowing about or respecting own, other and Does the picturebook ...

1	allow children to find reflections of themselves and their way of living?
2	allow children to appreciate their own culture and language?
3	help children come to a better understanding of themselves (identity) and d
4	provide opportunities to develop curiosity about, appreciate and respect ot lives?
5	increase the visibility/identity of underrepresented or marginalised groups?
6	challenge stereotypes? *
7	provide a nuanced depiction of cultures beyond stereotypical representatio
8	allow for deeper learning in relation to own, other and or heritage cultures?







#1

Perfectly Norman



by Tom Percival (Bloomsbury, 2

#### **ICEKit Summa**

This ICEXIt accompanies the picturebook, Perfectly Norman and enables children to explore focal field 1: socially responsible behaviour when interacting with others and focal field 3: a sense of belonging for those who are different. The activities start by arousing children's curiosity in the story context (using feely bags or book trailer), leading to a series of peritextual ponderings about the play on words in the title (i.e. perfectly normal) as well as contextual clues about the setting in the first opening (pictures of the four characters) and on the back cover (Norman and his

pet dog). These visual triggers help children predict the story plot (Norman grows a pair of wings one day and all the emotions he experiences) and gives them a real reason to listen during the read-aloud. After reading aloud, the activities enable children to make a personalised response to the story (feather ratings), interpret the visual symbols (the wings and the coat) and creatively explore differences in their own school contexts (making a feather mural or a welcome mat). The ICEXit culminates in the eTwinning cycle where they co-create welcome posters for new children who might join their schools.

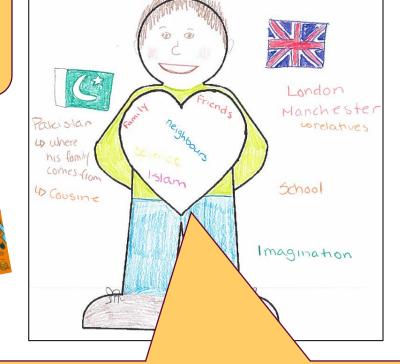


## Cultural/character X-ray

Cultural x-rays help students recognize their many cultural identities, develop understandings of culture, and raise awareness of how and why culture matters to them. (Short, 2009)

Examples of charater cultural X-rays of Omar by student teachers

On the outside, students create labels to describe the behaviour, appearance, and aspects of their identities that others can observe or easily determine (age, family, gender, language, religion, family composition, places they have lived).





On the heart shape inside the x-ray, students place their values and beliefs that they hold in their hearts that may not be evident to others around them. Questions students can ask: What values have I gotten from my family? What are my beliefs?

## Representation of identity: personal & translingua

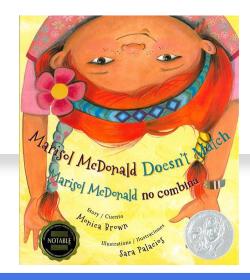
But I love green polka dots and purple stripes speaking Spanish, English and sometimes both she has brown skin with hair the 'colour of fire peanut butter and jelly burrito

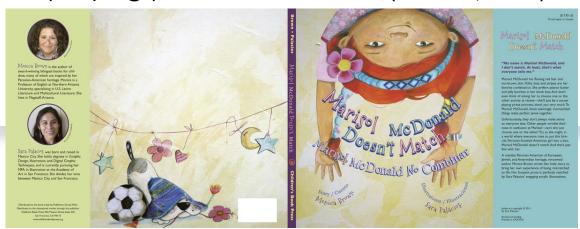
(Excerpt from Brown, 2011)

But I like the way Marisol McDonald looks.



(Ibrahim, 2020)





## Representation of identity: personal & transcultural

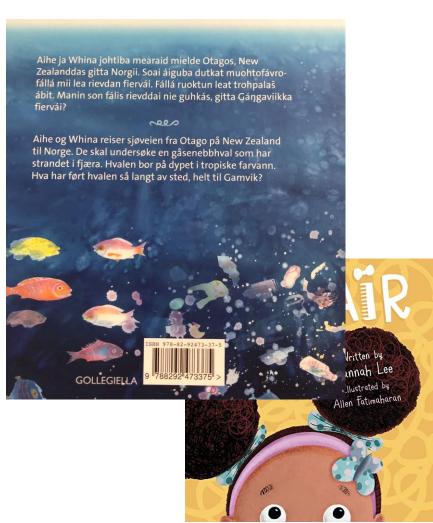


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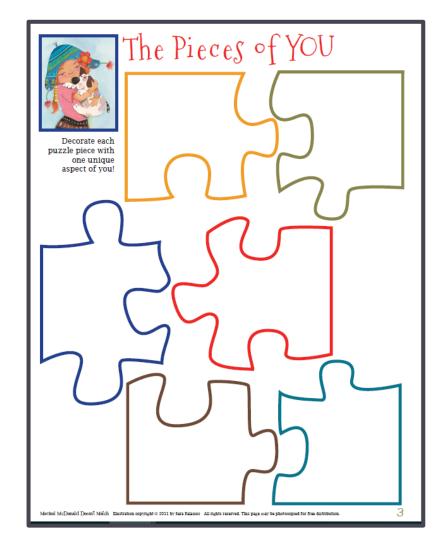




(Ibrahim, 2022)



## Exploring a multilingual identity





(Courtney (2015) in Ibrahim, 2020)

## Tanaled translations: multilinaual activities

#### **English version**

A little girl, who lives in Norway, has two great grandmothers, one from Norway and one from Gambia. The Norwegian great grandmother is eccentric likes cigarettes and worked in the sea. The girl has never met her other great grandmother, who lives over the see in Gambia. She is only a strict lady in a picture in the living room. One day, her father came from Gambia with a conch shell, and the girl can hear the mystical sounds from Gambia's beaches.

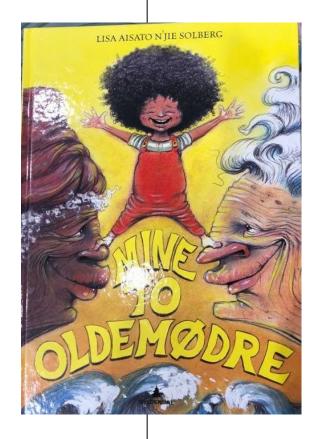
In this way, she meets her
Gambian great grandmother, who
likes tea and has a warm voice.
One day, the Gambian great
grandmother dies and they visit
the Norwegian great grandmother
a little more often. In the end, this
great grandmother also dies. But,
the little girl will always
remember her two great
grandmothers, drinking tea and
talking about the sea.

#### Tangled translation

A little girl, who lives in Norway, har to oldemødre, one from Norway og en fra Gambia. The Norwegian great grandmother er eksentrisk likes sigaretter and worked in the sea. Jenta has never met her other great grandmother, who lives over havet in Gambia. She is only a streng dame på et bilde i stuen. En dag, her father kommer fra Gambia with en konkylie, and the girl can hear det mystiske suset fra Gambias strander. In this way, she meets her Gambian oldemødre, who likes te og har lun stemme. One day, the Gambian great grandmother dies and they visit den norske oldemoren litt oftere. In the end blir også denne oldemoren borte. But, the little girl will always remember her to oldemødre, drinking tea and talking om

#### Norwegian version

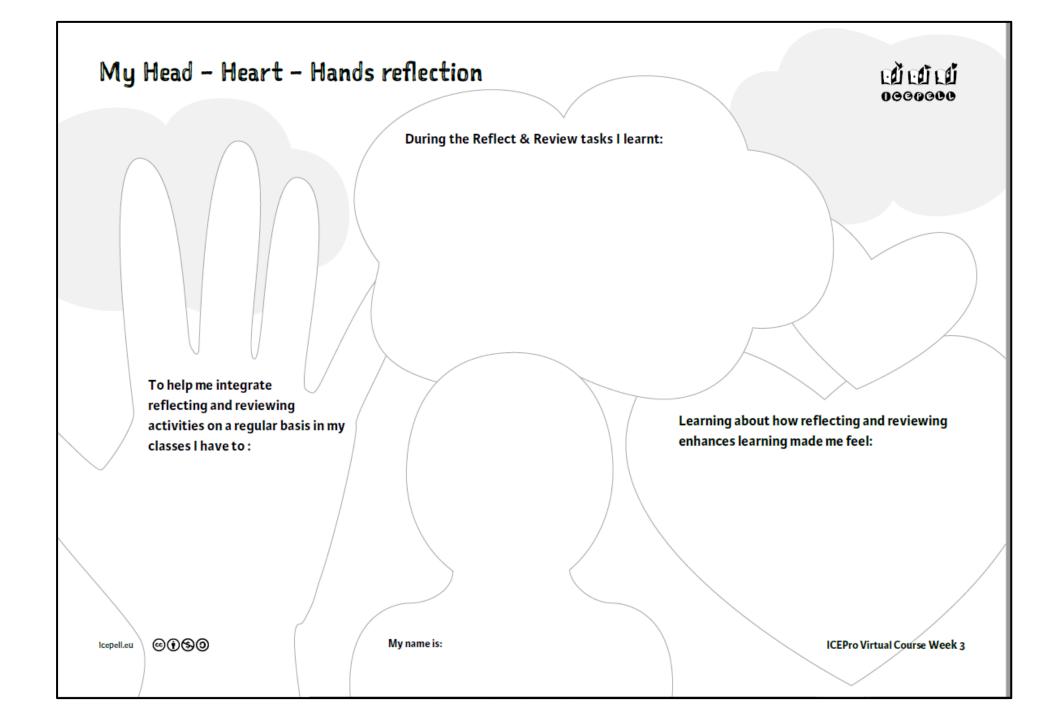
Jenta fra Norge har to oldemødre, en fra Norge or en fra Gambia. Den norske oldemoren ...



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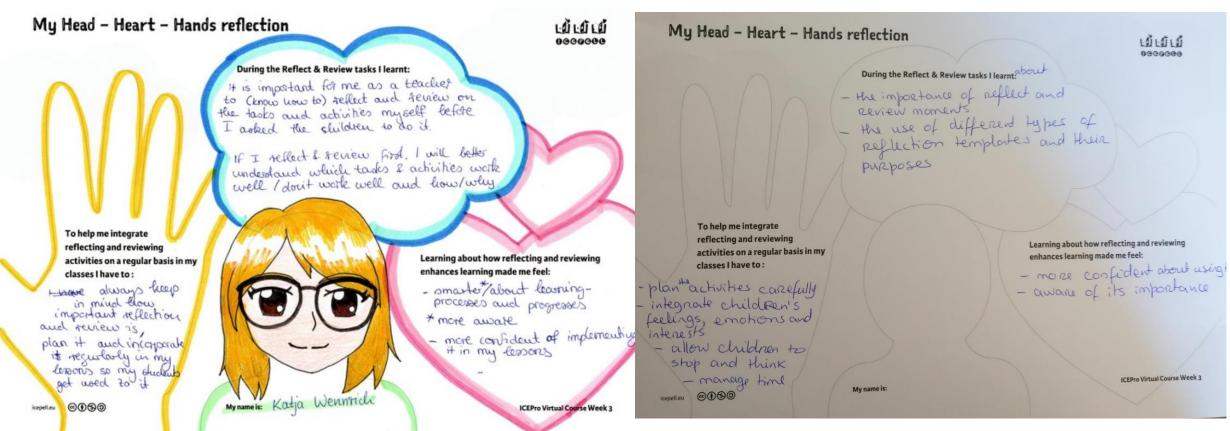
## Reflect and review

(Ibrahim & Alferink, 2022)





### Reflect and Review: Head-Heart-Hands



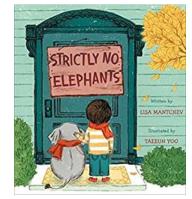
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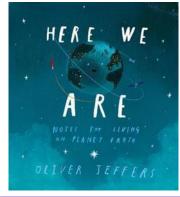


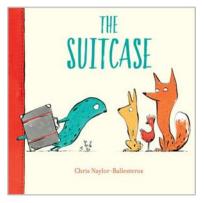


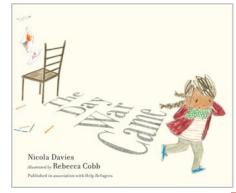
## Picturebooks and accompanying materials (ICEKits) co-created during pilot course

















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Taking Action cycle where children take their ideas

of signs. Alturnatively, the topic of pets / animals ca











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