Useful Picture books

Picture books are a fun and inclusive resource which can be used to engage pupils or help to introduce difficult concepts. Picture books can be used in both KS1 and KS2 and offer pupils a chance to explore ideas in a more visual format. Below are some recommended picture books organised into themes.

Title	Author	ISBN	Strand	Overview
The Family Book	Todd Parr	978-0-31-607040-9	Relationships	This book shows the diversity of families using colourful pictures and animals.
Dogs Don't Do Ballet	Anna Kemp	978-1-84-738474-4	Relationships	This book looks at stereotypes through a dog who dreams of being a ballet dancer.
Best Friends or Not?	Paeony Lewis	978-1-85-340961-5	Relationships	This story looks at best friends who fall out and how much fun they have playing when they compromise.
Let's Talk About When Someone Dies	Molly Potter	978-1-47-295534-0	Relationships	This book explores the feelings, actions and ceremonies of death and bereavement.
Alien Nation	Matty Donaldson	978-0-99-573940-6	Relationships	This book tells the story of planet girl and planet boy and what happens when people explore gender. It is a good springboard for discussion around trans and non-binary children.
Sometimes Jokes Aren't Funny	Amanda Doering	978-1-47-470471-7	Relationships	This book focuses on a group of friends and one in particular who uses jokes to make fun of people and bully them.
Wonder	R.J. Palacio	978-0-55-256597-4	Relationships	This story follows the life of a boy with facial disfigurement due to DNA abnormalities and his journey starting middle school having been home schooled. It is suitable for UKS2.
The Boy in the Dress	David Walliams	978-0-00-727904-3	Relationships	This is a book about equality and self-acceptance. It is suitable for UKS2.

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You Are Awesome	Matthew Syed	978-1-52-636115-8	Health	This is an easy to read book which challenges pupils to change their mindset and is full of quotes and stories to inspire.
The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark	Jill Tomlinson	978-1-40-520177-3	Health	This short story explores fear and changing mindset.
Chicken Clicking	Jeanne Willis	978-1-78-344161-7	Health	This book looks at some of the dangers which pupils might face online – it doesn't give solutions to them, so it could be a good starter for a lesson.
Amazing You!	Dr Gail Saltz	978-0-14-241058-5	Health	This book explores body parts, conception and pregnancy in a cartoon/illustrated form. The author's note at the back gives some good advice for teachers.
Human Rights and Liberty	Charlie Ogden	978-1-78-637118-8	Living in the Wider World	This non-fiction book explores a range of human rights with global examples.
What Would She Do?	Kay Woodward	978-1-78-312295-0	Living in the Wider World	This non-fiction book gives mini biographies of inspirational women in history who changed the world and achieved huge things.
If the World Were a Village	David J. Smith	978-1-47-295885-3	Living in the Wider World	This picture book explores how the world would look if it was made up of 100 people. It presents percentages of groups of people in a visual and easy to understand way.
Somebody Swallowed Stanley	Sarah Roberts	978-1-40-719510-0	Living in the Wider World	This picture book addresses some of the issues around single-use plastic.
Dreams of Freedom	Amnesty International	978-1-84-780453-2	Living in the Wider World	This book contains 17 quotes about freedom which can be understood by children.