

ABC PRIDE

Intended to help young readers learn their Alphabet while exploring the fabulous world of Pride! Simple definitions and colourful illustrations are paired to make this fun and inclusive. Subjects for discussion are suggested at the end. Some adults may consider certain terms and concepts too advanced for very young children. This title was created with support from the DK Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team and developed in association with Pride in London.

AUTHORS

Dr Elly Barnes MBE is the founder and chief executive officer of the charity, Educate and Celebrate which aims to transform schools into LGBTQIA+ friendly places. Louie Stowell is the editor and writer of a wide range of books for children, including non-fiction titles like ABC Pride; although she is perhaps more widely known at the moment for her recent series of stories about the Viking God Loki.

ILLUSTRATOR

Amy Phelps creates soft, colourful digital illustrations that have a collage like aesthetic. thebrightagency.com/uk/childrens-illustration/artists/amy-phelps#bio

LINKS

- Publisher dk.com/uk/book/9780241572542-abc-pride
- Dr Elly Barnes MBE reads ABC Pride (short interval halfway through) youtu.be/glgvUOtX8RI
- Charity website educateandcelebrate.org

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ACTIVITIES

Watch a short film about the origins of the rainbow flag bbc.co.uk/newsround/av/40717297
Pupils could be invited to design a flag using colours of their own choice which have special meanings for them.

Create an alphabet for a whole class wall display or in the form of personalised concertina books. The whole class ABC could highlight vocabulary associated with a similar theme such as human rights, diversity, or empathy; or in the case of the concertina books, simply focus on celebrating the pupils' own lives and family.

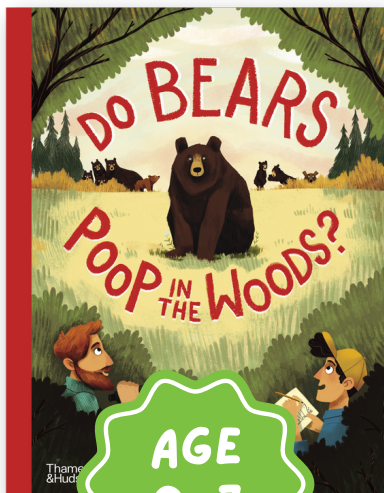
Discuss how you can help others if they are being treated unfairly. Kindness develops out of empathy for others or the ability to understand and share someone else's feelings. For more ideas, look at the recommended activities and book lists produced every year by empathylab.uk

NOW READ ON

Rainbow: A First Book of Pride by Michael Genhart & Anna Passchier, Magination Press, 2019. A simple book about the colours of the rainbow & their meaning in the LGBTQIA+ community.

Love Makes a Family by Sophie Beer, Caterpillar books, 2021. Discover the importance of family whether you have two mums, two dads, one parent or one of each.

All About Diversity by Felicity Brooks & Mar Ferrero, Usborne, 2021. This is a dynamic and joyous exploration of difference.



DO BEARS POOP IN THE WOODS?

This engaging book about the eight species of bears that can be found around the world, touches on a range of wider issues including the environment and conservation. Choose some extracts to read aloud as part of an introduction to the book. Pages 16-17, for example, answers the book's title question 'do bears poop in the woods?'

AGE
0-7

AUTHOR

Huw Lewis Jones is an expert field guide, naturalist and award-winning author. He teaches natural history at Falmouth University and is lucky to have met many bears in the wild!

ILLUSTRATOR

Sam Caldwell has taken the role of wildlife artist for this book. He is based in Scotland and has illustrated several other books for children. Find out more here samcaldwell.co.uk

LINKS

IUCN is The International Union for Conservation of Nature (referred to in the book):

iucn.org/about-iucn

The IUCN Red List is a critical indicator of the health of the world's biodiversity:

<https://www.iucnredlist.org/en>

Listen to and follow a reading of a National Geographic book about bears (13 mins):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoY2_1IA6y4

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Explore the organisational features of the book. This is the only book in the 0-7 shortlist which has some of the traditional features used in non-fiction – contents, index and glossary. Look at these together and talk about how they can be used to access information. Discuss some of the other differences between fiction and non-fiction books.

Map the bears. Give each child a template map of the world. Using the map on pages 8-9 as a point of reference, fill in the names and habitats of the eight species of bears that can be found around the world today. Now try adding the extinct or rare species that are shown on pages 42-43.

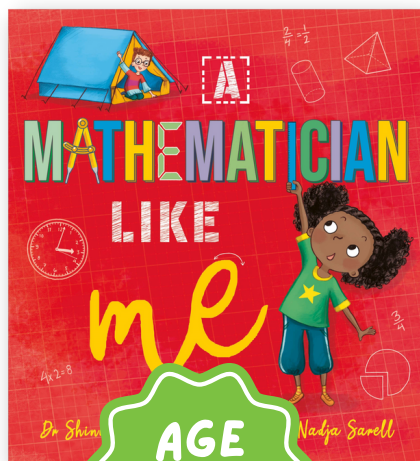
Make some paw prints. Look at the pawprint drawing for each species. Use the dimensions given to rank them in order of size. Try drawing some examples to scale and compare them with your own feet!

NOW READ ON

Bears by Elizabeth Carney & National Geographic Kids/Collins, 2017. A traditional information book with full-colour photographs throughout. Ideal for independent readers or listen to it being read aloud (see Links).

Ice Bear by Nicola Davies & Gary Blythe, Walker Books, 2015. An informative, gorgeously illustrated study of the majestic polar bear.

Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear by Nguyen & Jeet Zdung, Macmillan children's, 2021. Inspirational graphic-novel adventure, based on a true story about a young conservationist who sets out to save a sun bear.



A MATHEMATICIAN LIKE ME

An inspirational and empowering book which shows how numbers are all around us. It also introduces the world of creative thinking and problem solving, as well some of the key mathematicians from the past who have helped us to understand our world. Written as narrative non-fiction, it tells the story of two cousins setting off on a camping trip, which for Aliyah turns out to be an eye-opening 'voyage of discovery'.

AUTHOR

Dr Shini Somara is a scientist, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and a TV presenter. She is an advocate for STEM education, encouraging women and girls in particular to empower themselves by studying these subjects. This is her fourth book in a series of science books for young children published by Wren & Rook, See also *A Scientist Like Me*; *An Engineer Like Me*; and *A Coder Like Me*.

ILLUSTRATOR

Nadja Sarell is a freelance illustrator from Helsinki, Finland. She loves to illustrate children's fiction and non-fiction, as well as stationery. She is also a teacher of art, dance and narrative illustration. She has illustrated all of the 'Like Me' series.

LINKS

Find out more about Dr Shini's work & her full range of books for children: drshinisomara.com

Discover more examples of Nadja's work: nadjasarell.com

ACTIVITIES

Set five challenges. Invite young children to try doing some or all of the five simple, everyday activities suggested towards the end of the book. These involve calculating, dividing, counting, measuring & sorting.

Play the numbers game. Invite small groups to play the game described at the end of the book.

Introduce the Dewey Decimal System. If your school library is organised by the Dewey number system or you have the opportunity to visit a local public or mobile library, take a look at this simple introduction.

youtu.be/8h1QwfDY5xY Children will love using an A-Z subject index to look up the Dewey numbers for their favourite topics before setting off on a treasure (book) hunt.

NOW READ ON

The Perfect Fit by Naomi Jones & James Jones, Oxford University Press, 2021. A great book about shapes, diversity and being true to yourself. See also *One More Try* which explores the art of never giving up.

How to Count to One by Casper Salmon & Matt Hunt, Nosy Crow, 2022. Hilarious, interactive book for reading-aloud, which is all about counting ... but only up to ONE!

Counting on Katherine by Helaine Becker & Dow Phumirck, Macmillan Children's Books, 2021. An award-winning picture book about the ground-breaking, African-American woman mentioned in *A Mathematician Like Me*.

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