

At Downsway Primary School, these are just some of the ways we promote the Protected 9 Characteristics in our Foundation Stage curriculum.

 Age	 Disability	 Gender Reassignment
Growing and changing; babies, children and adults; older family members Literacy and Understanding of the World -So Much by Trish Cooke: a story about a baby being part of an extended Afro-Caribbean family PSED – Understand that people grow Additional Stories The Growing Story – Ruth Krauss My Grandpa Is Amazing – Nick Butterworth Peepo! – Janet & Allan Ahlberg	Different bodies and needs; hearing impairment; inclusion and friendship PSED – We’re going to find the monster by Malorie Blackman. Understanding that some people look different to me and we should celebrate our differences PSED – Together We Can by Caryl Hart: a picture book that celebrates diversity and inclusivity and the importance of friendship, kindness and compassion. PSED – Our Class is a Family Additional Stories What Happened to You? – James Catchpole Can Bears Ski? – Raymond Antrobus Amazing – Steve Antony	Being yourself; self-expression; avoiding stereotypes; accepting others Additional Stories Julian Is a Mermaid – Jessica Love Pink Is for Boys – Robb Pearlman Introducing Teddy – Jessica Walton
 Race	 Religion or Belief	 Marriage or Civil Partnership
Skin colour; heritage; similarities and differences; belonging PSED – Our class is a Family PSED - The colour of us – Karen Katz Literacy and Understanding of the World - So Much by Trish Cooke: a story about a baby being part of an extended Afro-Caribbean family Literacy and Understanding of the World – Celebrations Around the World Literacy and Understanding of the World – Baby Goes to Market by	Different beliefs, celebrations, traditions and ways of living Literacy and Understanding of the World – Little Glow by Katie Sahota: a story told through the eyes of the main character, watching how a community celebrate light through the year Literacy and Understanding of the World – Baby Goes to Market by Atinuke: a story from a different culture and introduces simple numbers Literacy and Understanding of the World – Celebrations Around the World	Different families; grown-ups loving and caring for one another PSED – Love Makes a Family: a book that celebrates the uniqueness of every family Additional Stories The Family Book – Todd Parr And Tango Makes Three – Justin Richardson & Peter Parnell Mommy, Mama, and Me – Lesléa Newman

Atinuke: a story from a different culture and introduces simple numbers Understanding of the World (Black History Month)– Coming to England Mae Jemison What a wonderful world – Louis Armstrong Heroes who help us from around the world. Additional Stories All Are Welcome – Alexandra Penfold	Literacy and Understanding of the World – Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns Literacy and Understanding of the World – The Great Race: a book that tells the story of the Chinese Zodiac Additional Stories My World, Your World – Melanie Walsh Welcome to Our World – Moira Butterfield; All Kinds of Beliefs – Anita Ganeri The Little Red Hen	
Sex 	Sexual Orientation 	Pregnancy and Maternity 
Boys and girls can enjoy the same things; challenging stereotypes PSED – Love Makes a Family: a book that celebrates the uniqueness of every family Additional Stories Amazing Grace – Mary Hoffman The Paper Bag Princess – Robert Munsch Pink Is for Boys – Robb Pearlman	Families with two mums or two dads; every family is different Additional Stories And Tango Makes Three Heather Has Two Mommies – Lesléa Newman The Family Book – Todd Parr	Pregnancy; new babies; becoming a sibling; families changing Additional Stories There's a House Inside My Mummy – Giles Andreae Za-Za's Baby Brother – Lucy Cousins The New Baby – Anna Civaridi

Please note; *The government does not expect all of these characteristics to be taught in every year group and schools should use their professional judgement to plan their curriculum appropriately. At Downsway Primary School, we ensure that our children are given opportunities to develop age appropriate knowledge and understanding through a well-planned and delivered curriculum. Teaching the Protected 9 Characteristics aims to support children in gaining understanding of the diverse and multicultural society they live in. It strives to develop their appreciation of differences between individuals and groups and to teach acceptance and tolerance of other people's cultures, traditions, and ways of life. In addition to explicit teaching, the nine protected characteristics are further embedded through assemblies and daily interactions.*