

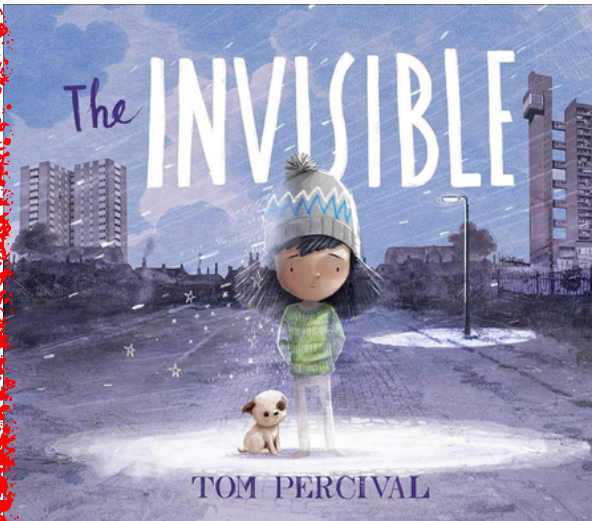
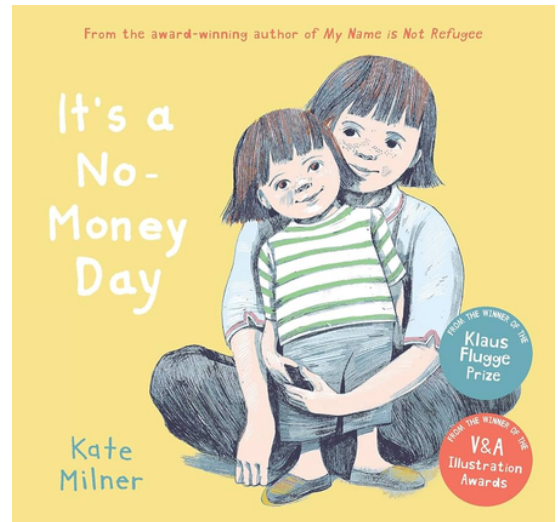
Reading for home

What does home mean to you? Home - a safe, caring, accepting place you can call home - is a basic human right.

In these stories, you can help the pupils in your school community to explore what that right feels like - when it's there, and when it's not. Use stories to explore why home is everything.

It's a No-Money Day by Kate Milner is ideal for little readers (between 3 and 5 reading age, though it can work with much older groups. Mum works really hard, but the money is running out and there is no food in the cupboards...

Hear the story read aloud here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjwE4HoYh98>

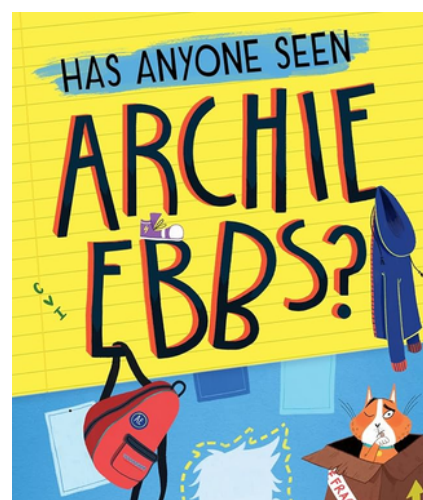


Isabel and her family feel the pressure of the bills piling up, and have to move across the city. She feels like she doesn't belong, and like she's becoming invisible...

The Invisible is moving story about community, solidarity and hope, ideal for exploring the impact of the housing crisis with KS1 children.

Archie's perfect life suddenly changes and as his family begins to face some difficult times, is he starting to become invisible?

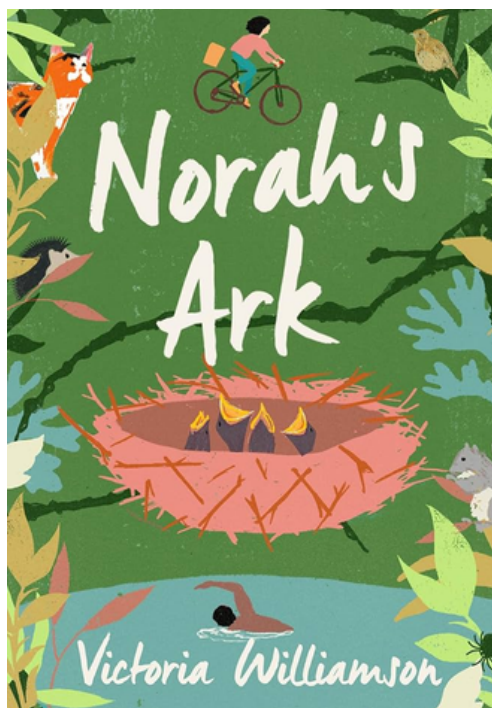
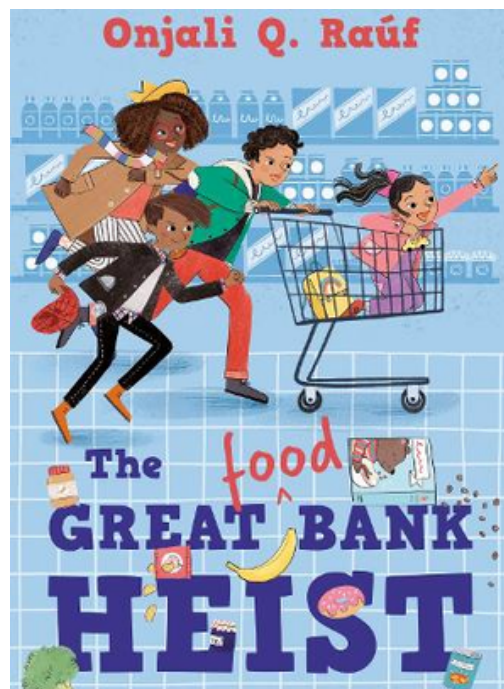
Unpacking similar themes to *The Invisible*, **Has Anyone See Archie Ebbs?** is suitable for KS2 children, and has a large helping of both humour and heart.



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The Great (Food) Bank Heist gives a moving and insightful look into issues of food poverty, as experienced from a child's point of view.

Whilst not strictly about housing and homelessness, this story gives a great opportunity for classrooms and children to begin conversations about poverty, community and social justice. Written with Onjali Rauf's usual warmth and humour, this is ideal for use across KS2.



Norah lives with her Dad in temporary accommodation, and lives in fear of their fragile life collapsing around them - is Dad struggling with a gambling addiction?

Norah's Ark is about a friendship forged in unlikely circumstances and the way community helps us overcome all sorts of struggles. Suitable for upper KS2 and beyond, this book will help you work with a class to see that homelessness and insecure housing affects lots of people, even if they never end up rough sleeping.

You can use these books in the classroom to help create conversations and link to other activities and resources available from Shelter.

Other books you might like to consider include: *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga, *April's Garden* by Isla McGuckin and Catalina Echeverri, *The Night Bus Hero* by Onjali Q Rauf and *No Fixed Address* by Susin Nielsen.