

World Book Day is on **Thursday 4th March 2021**. To mark the occasion this year, we will be holding a Belleville World Book Week! This will include immersing children in the work of illustrator and author Christian Robinson, reading a range of wonderful and inspirational books, sharing stories and learning new skills.

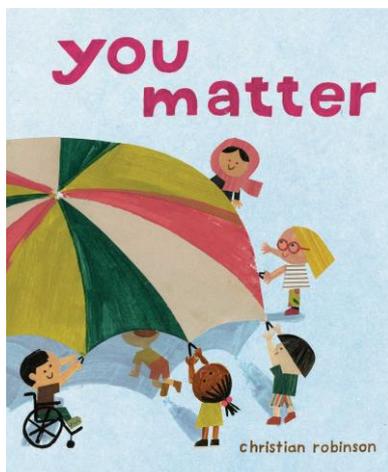
About Christian Robinson

Christian Robinson is one of the most distinguished illustrators currently working in children's books. He is the recipient of multiple awards and nominations for his work.



Growing up in a small one-bedroom apartment with his brother, two cousins, aunt, and grandmother, he drew as a way to make space for himself and to create the kind of world he wanted to see; his picture book illustrations reflect a diverse community in the context of books that tackle 'big topics' (as described by one of his collaborators, Matt de la Peña) and foster empathy in readers.

He worked for Pixar Animation Studios before becoming an illustrator of books for children. His books include the #1 *New York Times* bestseller *Last Stop on Market Street*, written by Matt de la Peña, which was awarded a Caldecott Honor, a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor, and the Newbery Medal.



We are very excited to have chosen *You Matter*, Christian Robinson's debut as an author-illustrator, as our book for World Book Day 2021; it was featured in the *New York Times*' Children's Books of the Year in 2020.

Every classroom will have copies of this book in their class libraries to enjoy long after this date.

The week will culminate in children creating a piece of work inspired by what they've read, using the skills they've learned during the week which children will share together when everyone returns on Monday 8th March. More details will follow in the weekly home learning plan. Children will also receive their World Book Day voucher on 8th March - you can find out more about how you can buy a fantastic selection of books here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Zoom Live Explanations on Thursday 4th March

To support children with their learning on World Book Day, teachers will be hosting additional Zoom live explanations on Thursday 4th March. Maths and curriculum lessons will be re-scheduled on this day. Please click on the links in the home learning plan to access the live explanations.

Virtual Library



On Thursday 4th March, we will send you a link to the new Belleville Virtual Library! Children can choose from a range of carefully selected books, to further support their reading at home.

Dressing up

Children and staff are encouraged to dress up as a favourite book character, whether at school or on Zoom on Thursday 4th March. This always creates a great atmosphere so do get planning your outfit!

Online Events

Next week, the Children's Bookshow Digital Festival will be taking place and Belleville children will have the opportunity to watch these events live:

Michael Rosen at 11am on Wednesday 3 March <https://youtu.be/lu5GDOYqorc>

Michael Rosen is one of our finest children's poets and authors, as well as being a passionate advocate of children's reading. His poetry performances are characterised by their humour, wit and verve. For this event, Michael will be performing an hour of live poetry.

Kwame Alexander at 1.30pm on Wednesday 3 March <https://youtu.be/y3t5YMdV4NY>

Kwame Alexander is an extraordinary American writer whose brilliant book *The Undeclared* (illustrated by Caldecott Medal winner Kadir Nelson) will be studied by Year 5 in the summer term. In this live event, Kwame will talk about his life as a poet, educator and author. He will be reading *The Undeclared* and discussing it during the event.

Various, at any time

The World Book Day You Tube Channel has a wealth of videos from authors and illustrators talking about and reading from their work as well as recordings of live events for 2021- well worth a visit! <https://www.youtube.com/user/WorldBookDay2012>

We look forward to celebrating with you all,

Hannah Coles and Simon Hudd

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