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## The Suitcase

Chris Naylor-Ballesteros  
(Nosy Crow, 2019)

### ICEKit Summary

This ICEKit accompanies the picturebook, *The Suitcase*, by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros (Nosy Crow, 2019), and enables children to explore Focal Field 1: Socially responsible behaviour when interacting with others and Focal Field 2: Socially responsible behaviour when interacting with local and global issues.

It includes suggestions for peritextual ponderings about the title, the front and back covers, and the title page which help children make predictions about the story. After reading, the children are encouraged to reflect personally on the message of the story, which is about friendship and treating others with fairness, mutual respect and trust. The ICEKit suggests after read-aloud

activities which include thinking about what to put in a suitcase when asked to leave home and brainstorming different ways to help someone feel welcome, as well as performing short sketches about welcoming a stranger. Children also think about the different ways they can welcome newcomers to their schools and share information with their school community about the many languages that can be used to welcome newcomers. Through the *eTwinning* Taking Action Cycle, children cooperate across borders to decide how they can take action in their communities to ensure new children to their schools, wherever they come from, are made to feel welcome.