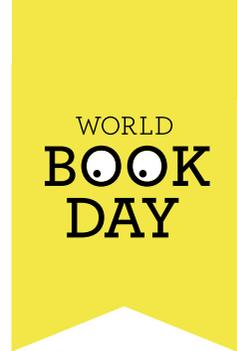




DISCOVER 2



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ACTIVITY SUMMARY:

Discover a key author/illustrator for your class's age range. Make a display centred around the author and their work for children to explore in free reading time.

INGREDIENTS:

A range of texts by the key author/illustrator

A photograph of them for display

Information about the author/illustrator to add to the display

TIME:

30 minutes to 1 hour

METHOD:

1. Decide on your key author/illustrator. This may be someone whose work you have encountered in class or a person that some or one of the children is reading out of school.
2. Make a prominent place available with a display table and board to showcase texts and information.
3. Collect as many books as possible that you have in stock by the person. Invite children who may have books by this person at home to bring these in to share.
4. Find photographs of the person for the children to relate to; publishers' and authors' own websites are a good source.
5. Find out information about the person from websites, biographies or videos. Add facts and information to the display, encouraging the children to do the same.
6. If you prepare enough in advance, book an author to come and visit your school, find out how they work and more about them.

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- Become increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales.
- Listen to and discuss a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays, non-fiction.
- Recommend books that they have read to their peers, giving reasons for their choices.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

Popular authors/illustrators you might like to investigate are:

- David McKee
- Oliver Jeffers
- Julia Donaldson
- Anthony Browne
- David Almond
- Lauren Child

Author Q&As can be found at: theguardian.com/childrens-books-site

Authors can be found at: authorsalouduk.co.uk

CASE STUDY

1. The teacher in this Year 1 class focussed their display on Julia Donaldson, after many children had enjoyed *The Gruffalo* in Reception and *The Snail and the Whale* in Year 1.
2. This primary school class focussed their display on the author and illustrator Anthony Browne. Children were free to browse and borrow the texts on display, add their own reviews and extra information they had found out.

