World Book Day
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Chatterbooks Activity Pack

Reading and activity ideas for your Chatterbooks group
World Book Day 2016!

About this pack

In this World Book Day Chatterbooks pack you’ll find a selection of books for your Chatterbooks groups to read and discuss – plus further book suggestions, useful website addresses, and activity and discussion ideas.

The pack starts with some activity ideas which would work for all age groups, around their favourite books.

It then features all the special World Book Day £1 books – for younger children through to teenage. For each book there is some general information, activity and discussion ideas, web links, and suggestions for further reading.

The pack is brought to you by The Reading Agency and their publisher partnership Children’s Reading Partners

Chatterbooks [www.readinggroups.org/chatterbooks] is a reading group programme for children aged 4 to 14 years. It is coordinated by The Reading Agency and its patron is author Dame Jacqueline Wilson. Chatterbooks groups run in libraries and schools, supporting and inspiring children’s literacy development by encouraging them to have a really good time reading and talking about books.

The Reading Agency is an independent charity working to inspire more people to read more through programmes for adults, young people and Children – including the Summer Reading Challenge, and Chatterbooks. See www.readingagency.org.uk

Children’s Reading Partners is a national partnership of children’s publishers and libraries working together to bring reading promotions and author events to as many children and young people as possible.

World Book Day is a celebration! It’s a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it’s a celebration of reading. In fact, it’s the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world. See www.worldbookday.com

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For help in planning your Chatterbooks meeting, have a look at these Top Tips for a Successful Session.
World Book Day activities for your Chatterbooks group

Chatterbooks – you can’t keep us quiet!
How does your group feel about Chatterbooks? What do they like best? What made them join the group? Why do they keep on coming? How would they encourage more people to join Chatterbooks?

Collect everyone’s thoughts and ideas on a flipchart, then put together a plan for using World Book Day to recruit more Chatterbooks members.

Think about your main messages – what does Chatterbooks mean for you? Fun? Making reading fun? Getting to read lots of great books? Talking about books? Making new friends? Getting better at reading? How many more people would you like to join the group?

Promotion ideas could include

- Posters; leaflets
- Presentations about Chatterbooks – for people in your class/school, and teachers, parents
- Displays in the library and school about Chatterbooks and the books and activities you have enjoyed
- Talking to your friends – spreading the word.
- Being Chatterbooks champions

Create a reading corner
Get children to create a special space to enjoy their favourite books. This might be in the library or in the classroom. Before you start, why not ask them to design their space on paper first. They could give it a theme or decorate it with some of their favourite book characters. And don’t forget to make it comfy!

When they’ve finished their designs they can create their reading corner for real. You might want to vote for the favourite design as a group, or make a reading corner that’s based on more than one design. Photocopy pictures from books to cut out and stick to the space, use cushions and blankets to make it cozy and comfortable. Let your imaginations flow!

Interviews
Have the children in your group ever wondered what it would be like to interview an author? Perhaps you have some budding authors in the group too? Get the group to separate into smaller groups or pairs and interview each other. They can take turns at being the author (eg. one of the World Book Day authors) and interviewer. Get them to think about their questions and answers carefully. Top Tip: Start a question with Who, What, Where, When or Why to get a lengthy reply.

They can video their interviews using videos on mobiles or record each other on audio recorders. Once they’ve finished, why not try to organise an interview with a real life author. If you can’t get one in person, why not try organising something over Skype?!

Make sure too that you have a good look at the World Book Day website as there are lots of games and competitions – check out the ‘play and win’ section!
The £1 World Book Day Books: Activity and discussion ideas – and more books to read!

Mick Inkpen  
*Kipper’s Visitor*  
Hachette

Kipper has a visitor – a slightly dirty gosling in need of a bath. But the gosling doesn’t say very much. ‘Honk!’ is about all he can manage!

Created for World Book Day 2016 and starring the much-loved Kipper, this charming story follows Kipper and an adorable gosling through a bubbly bathtime.

About the author: **Mick Inkpen** is one of the top-selling picture book artists and writers in the world and is consistently in the top ten most borrowed authors in UK libraries. The Kipper and Wibbly Pig stories have millions of readers worldwide. He has won the British Book Award twice for Lullabyhullaballoo and Penguin Small and the Children’s Book Award for Threadbear. He has also been shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal and the Smarties Award three times, winning Bronze for Wibbly Pig’s Silly Big Bear. In addition to this, Kipper won a BAFTA for best animated children’s film.

For your Chatterbooks sessions:

** Kipper’s visitor is a gosling. Talk about geese and goslings with your group. Do you know any facts about them? What do they eat and how would you look after a gosling if one came to visit you? You could look for other books about geese or baby animals in the library and share them together.

** Mick Inkpen has written lots of stories about Kipper. Can your group think of a new adventure for Kipper? Perhaps Kipper could visit the library or attend his first Chatterbooks group! What would happen to Kipper on this adventure? Would he enjoy it? You could even turn your Kipper story into a real book with illustrations.

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It’s night-time in the supermarket and Supertato is on the hunt for the perfect bedtime story. But, what’s this... all the books have disappeared! It can only be the work of The Evil Pea! Can Supertato save the books?

Will the supermarket ever get to sleep? Find out in this un-PEA-lievably new adventure.

About the authors: Sue Hendra studied illustration at university and also sold doughnuts from a kiosk at the zoo. The illustration career won and she has now illustrated around 100 books. When she met Paul Linnet she found another twit with a silly sense of humour so they fell in love and started writing and illustrating together. It seems that others enjoy their frankly ridiculous stories and they have won prizes and all sorts. Some nice people even had the great idea to make the book Wanda and the Alien by Sue into a world wide TV phenomenon! Sue and Paul live in an untidy and half decorated house in the seaside town of Brighton. They have a daughter called Wanda who is perfect in every way possible. Sue is pretty good at swimming and Paul likes to ride around on an old motorbike that he’s fussed about with.

For your Chatterbooks sessions:

** This story is about Supertato. Can your group think of their own super vegetable? What super powers would it have? Ask them to draw a picture of their super vegetable.

** This story is full of alliteration: “The peppers were playing, the carrots were crazy and the bananas were going beserk!” Play this alliteration game with your group. One person starts by choosing a place. For example, they could say “I am going to Paris.” The next person joins in by saying “I am going to Paris and I am taking a Poodle.” Each player joins the game by adding something with the same letter sound.

** When Supertato reads a story to the other vegetables, why was the ending ‘a bit flat’?! The story he reads to them is The Princess and the Pea - do you know it? Can you see another connection between the two books as well as peas?

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Kes Gray  *Daisy and the Trouble with Jack*

PenguinRandomHouse

Daisy can’t believe it! Mrs Peters is making her sit next to Jack Beechwhistle – the naughtiest boy in the school, and possibly the whole world!

Jack is so mad! Mrs Peters is making him sit next to Daisy Butters – she’s such an annoying tell tale!

As the lesson goes on, Daisy and Jack think of more and more ways to get one up on each other. Then they both have a brilliant idea!

Trouble is, Daisy and Jack might be more alike than they realised...

About the author: Kes Gray was noted by the Independent as one of the top ten children's authors in the UK in 2003. He is the author of the bestselling *Daisy* books, including the award-winning *Eat Your Peas*, and *Billy Bucket* was winner of the Red House Children's Book Award for Younger Readers.

For your Chatterbooks sessions:

** The story is told from both Daisy and Jack’s point of view. Have a discussion in your group about the characters. Who do they like best and why? Whose side of the story are they on? You could also split your group up into two teams, a Daisy team and a Jack team. Each team has to argue for their character and at the end you can all decide which character was the winner.

** Each new section of this book starts with the words “The trouble with...” Ask your group to write a story starting with these words, making it as silly or as funny as they like.

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If you like these books, try...

| Francesca Simon                   | *Horrid Henry and Moody Margaret*     | Orion   | 978-1444001129 |
|-----------------------------------| (Early Reader)                         |         |                |
| Alan MacDonald                    | *Angela Nicely*                        | Stripes | 978-1847153838 |
| Kaye Umansky                      | *Algy’s Amazing Adventures in the Jungle* (Early Reader) | Orion | 978-1444006858 |
Roald Dahl  
*The Great Mouse Plot*

PenguinRandomHouse

‘You had the idea – so you can be the one to put the mouse in the jar.’

This is a true story.

Every day the boy walks past a sweet shop filled with jars of delicious gobstoppers and sticky treacle toffees. But there is one terrible problem. The shop is owned by Mrs Pratchett, a skinny old hag with filthy finger nails. She is so mean that the boy decides to trick her – and he’s got the perfect plan...

Did you know that this boy grew up to become the writer Roald Dahl?

Discover secrets about the World’s Number 1 Storyteller and start your Roald Dahl 100 celebrations in 2016 with this very special World Book Day story!

**About the author:** Sitting in a hut at the bottom of his garden, surrounded by odd bits and pieces such as a suitcase (used as a footrest), his own hipbone (which he’d had replaced) and a heavy ball of metal foil (made from years’ worth of chocolate wrappers), Roald Dahl wrote some of the world’s best-loved stories including Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Twits, The Witches, The BFG, Fantastic Mr Fox, James and the Giant Peach and lots more.

**For your Chatterbooks sessions:**

**This story is all about a sweet shop. Talk about your favourite sweets and describe them in taste-guzzlingly lip-luscious words! If you had a sweet shop, what would you call it?**

**Create your own Chatterbooks recipe book – with real, and imaginary, recipes. Can you come up with some disgusting ideas, like in Roald Dahl’s Revolting Recipes?**

For more ideas, try the Chatterbooks activity pack.
Welcome to the World of Norm

Norm knew it was going to be one of those days when he woke up to find a half-Polish Cockapoo sat on his head. But that’s OK. Because at least there’s biking with his best friend Mikey to look forward to. Or at least there was until Norm discovers he has to stay in and wait for some stupid parcel to arrive. Just as well he hasn’t got two irritating little brothers and the world’s most annoying next door neighbour. Oh wait a minute. He has.

Welcome to the world of Norm? ABSO-FLIPPING-LUTELY!

About the author: Jonathan Meres is a Chatterbooks Champion author. He left school at the age of 16 to join the merchant navy and spent the next 7 years sailing around the world. Since then he has worked as an ice cream van driver and in Harrods, got a band together, appeared in a pop video and been a stand up comedian. He’s won a Time Out Award for Comedy and been nominated for The Perrier Award at the The Edinburgh Festival. He began writing full time in 1994: he’s the author of the bestselling World of Norm series, a comedy about a small boy whose life is very unfair...

For your Chatterbooks sessions:

** See page 22 for Norm’s worst dream - what’s yours? Discuss in your group.

** World of Norm is full of similes, such as ‘flatter than a thin crust pizza’ - try devising similes like this in your group, for example: ‘thinner than...’, ‘fatter than...’; ‘shinier than...’; ‘faster than...’; ‘happier than...’; ‘more comfortable than...’, etc.

For more ideas, try the World of Norm Chatterbooks activity pack.

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Jim Smith
Barry Loser: I am Not a Loser
Egmont
978-1405260312

Liz Pichon
The Brilliant World of Tom Gates
Scholastic
978-1407120690

Georgia Pritchett
Wilf the Mighty Worrier: Saves the World
Quercus Children’s Books
978-1848668614
Cavan Scott  *Star Wars Adventures in Wild Space: The Escape*  
Egmont
When their parents are captured by the evil Galactic Empire, brother and sister Milo and Lina Graf must set out on an epic quest to free them. Menaced by Imperial agents, bounty hunters, and gangsters, they will have to travel across the galaxy uncovering clues to rescue their parents and aid the Rebellion in the fight against the Empire...

**About the author:** Cavan Scott is a *Sunday Times* bestselling writer of novels, comics, audio dramas and non-fiction books for both adults and children. He has written for such popular series as *Doctor Who*, *Adventure Time*, and *Judge Dredd*. He is the writer of Titan Comics’ *Doctor Who: The Ninth Doctor* miniseries.

*For your Chatterbooks sessions:*

**Ask the group to design and create their own Star Wars top trumps.**

**Star Wars films and books like this one feature droids, which are robots. In this book the droid is called CR-8R. Ask your group to design their own droid. What would it look like? How would it talk? What it have any special skills or abilities?**

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Egmont 978-1405279932 |
| Tom Huddleston | *Star Wars: Adventures in Wild Space: The Nest*  
Egmont 978-1405279949 |
| Greg Rucka | *Star Wars: The Force Awakens: Before the Awakening*  
Egmont 978-1405280518 |

**If you like these books, try...**

| Lucy Hawking & Stephen Hawking | *George’s Secret Key to the Universe*  
Corgi 978-0552559584 |
| Tony Bradman & Tom Bradman | *Space School: Blast Off*  
A & C Black 978-1408123799 |
| Andrew Norriss | *Aquila*  
Puffin 978-0141308951 |
Cerrie Burnell  Harper and the Sea of Secrets  Scholastic

The Songs of the Sea festival is about to start, but disaster has struck! The royal musicians will be performing, but all their instruments have disappeared!

Harper and her friends use the flying umbrella to come to the rescue, and that very night they start hearing beautiful music coming from Melody Bay. Will they have the courage to walk along the pitch-black smugglers’ tunnels passing under the sea to find out who has stolen the instruments?

A captivating adventure story all about friendship, creatures of the sea and magic.

About the author: Cerrie Burnell is a much-loved presenter on Cbeebies. She was named in the Observer’s top ten children’s presenters and also featured in the Guardian’s 2011 list of 100 most inspirational women where she received praise for tackling disability head on. Cerrie divides her time between London and Manchester. Her bestselling picture books Snowflakes and Mermaid, illustrated by Laura Ellen Anderson, have won critical acclaim. Magical adventure Harper and the Scarlet Umbrella is her first novel for young readers

For your Chatterbooks sessions:

** Harper has a magical umbrella which she flies around in. Get your group to talk about a magical item they would like to own. What would it be and what magical powers would it have? Ask the group to draw pictures of their magical thing.

** Harper and the Sea of Secrets is set near the sea and the story is packed with seaside description. Look through the book with your group and see how many words and phrases you can find that relate to the sea. For example, “beardy band of fisherman” or “pale green waves”. Collect the words and phrases together and turn them into your own poem about the sea.

**Have a look at more books by Cerrie Burnell – which are your favourites?

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David Baddiel  The Boy Who Could Do What He Liked
HarperCollins

Alfie has a routine. To be honest, he has a lot of routines. There’s the waking-up routine, the getting-dressed routine, the cleaning-his-teeth-in-the-morning routine, the getting-his-school-bag-ready-routine... and that’s all before 8:30am. But then one day Alfie’s usual babysitter is unavailable, and Alfie’s parents get Mrs Stokes instead. Mrs Stokes doesn’t do routines. Instead, she just tells Alfie to do what he likes. Over and over again. Eventually, Alfie decides to take her at her word. And that’s when things start to go weird.

Does everything get out of control and Alfie learn his lesson and realise that routines are really quite important to stick to after all? Nah. This isn’t that kind of story...

Written especially for World Book Day 2016, this is a fabulously entertaining and touching novella from David Baddiel, author of the bestselling The Parent Agency and The Person Controller.

About the author: David Baddiel is an author and comedian. He has written and performed in a series of highly successful TV comedy shows, including The Mary Whitehouse Experience and Baddiel and Skinner Unplanned. His debut children's novel, The Parent Agency, was the bestselling 9-12 debut of 2014 and was hailed by the Guardian as ‘funny, sometimes moving and always engaging.’

For your Chatterbooks session:
** Alfie is obsessed with routines. Ask your group about the routines they have, eg. their morning routine and the routine of their day at school. Get your group to think about routines that some of their favourite characters might have, for example what would Tracy Beaker’s daily routine be or Paddington Bear’s? Read the routines aloud to see if the rest of the group can guess the character.

** - Spoiler Alert - In this story time gets stopped. Ask your group to write a story about what they would do if time stopped. Would they play tricks on people or perhaps they’d do some chores to help out at home!

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<td>David Walliams</td>
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Avery has always suffered at the hands of the bullies, so when she’s given a seemingly-miraculous opportunity to join the ‘A-list’ she grabs at it with both hands. But appearances can be deceiving, and soon Avery’s not so sure she likes this new version of herself. And it’s only by overcoming her fears that she can learn the true meaning of being comfortable in your own skin.

**About the author:** Queen of Teen 2014 Juno Dawson is the multi award-winning author of dark teen thrillers Hollow Pike, Cruel Summer, Say Her Name and Under My Skin, written under the name James Dawson. In 2015, she released her first contemporary romance, All of The Above. Her first non-fiction book, Being A Boy, tackled puberty, sex and relationships, and a follow-up for young LGBT people, This Book Is Gay, came out in 2014.

Juno is a regular contributor to Attitude, GT, Glamour and the Guardian and has contributed to news items concerning sexuality, identity, literature and education on BBC Woman’s Hour, Front Row, This Morning and Newsnight. She is a School Role Model for the charity Stonewall, and also works with charity First Story to visit schools serving low income communities. Juno’s titles have received rave reviews and her books have been translated into more than ten languages.

In 2015, Juno announced her transition to become a woman, having lived thus far as the male author James Dawson. She writes full time and lives in Brighton. Follow Juno on Twitter: @junodawson or on Facebook at Juno Dawson Books.

**For your Chatterbooks session:**

** Avery is being bullied at school. Have a discussion about bullying in your group. Ask group members to design an anti-bullying poster.**

** Juno Dawson was crowned Queen of Teen in 2014. Previous winners include Maureen Johnson, Cath Cassidy and Louise Rennison. See how many books by these authors you and your group can find in the library. Have your group read any of them? Did they enjoy them if they did? Your group might like to create a reading list of the books they would like to read.**

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- Eve Ainsworth: Seven Days, Scholastic, 978-1407146911
- Alice Oseman: Solitaire, HarperCollins, 978-0007559220
- Keren David: Salvage, Atom, 978-0349001388
‘Everybody likes everything these days. The whole world is a nerd.’
‘Are you mad because other people like Star Wars? Are you mad because people like me like Star Wars?’
‘Maybe.’

If you broke Elena’s heart, Star Wars would spill out. So when she decides to queue outside her local cinema to see the new movie, she’s expecting a celebration with crowds of people who love Han, Luke and Leia just as much as she does.

What she’s not expecting is to be last in a line of only three people; to have to pee into a collectible Star Wars soda cup behind a dumpster or to meet that unlikely someone who just might truly understand the way she feels.

Kindred Spirits is an engaging short story by Rainbow Rowell, author of the bestselling Eleanor & Park, Fangirl and Carry On. Kindred Spirits has been specially produced for World Book Day.

About the author: Rainbow Rowell writes books. Sometimes she writes about adults (Attachments and Landline). Sometimes she writes about teenagers (Eleanor & Park, Fangirl and Carry On). But she always writes about people who talk a lot. And people who feel like they're screwing up. And people who fall in love. When she's not writing, Rainbow is reading comic books, planning Disney World trips and arguing about things that don’t really matter in the big scheme of things. She lives in Nebraska with her husband and two sons.

For your Chatterbooks sessions:

* Talk about your most favourite films - Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, something else? Or your most favourite TV series - Game of Thrones....? How would you persuade someone who’d never seen that film/series - e.g. Star Wars - to give it a go? Give 5 reasons why they might like it...

* Have you ever queued for tickets/to see something, as Elena and Gabe do in this story? In pairs, devise a series of text messages, as Elena keeps her friend Jocelyn posted about meeting and getting to know Gabe...

* Discuss being an introvert, 'midintrovert', extrovert (p4) and the pros and cons of each – how does that resonate with the group?

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