

Your World Book Day

Activity Bank

Celebration activities are a special part of **World Book Day**. There are lots of fun, inclusive activities to encourage reading for pleasure and make sure all children and their families and carers can enjoy **World Book Day**.

Here are some ideas for social and shared experiences that all children can take part in.

FOR CHILDREN

Being read to regularly

Read aloud selector

Challenge your children to be creative and transform a wooden spoon into a chosen book from home or your setting.

Place the spoons in a jar and use to choose read alouds throughout the day.

Share extracts as tasters

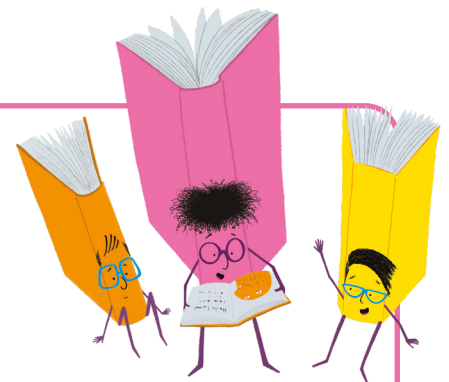
Use our £1/€1.50 book '[Look Insides](#)' to get some tasters.

Invite parents into story time

Showing is better than telling – host a cosy story sharing event for parents and children to engage with reading together.

Focus on the habit

Ask children to come in pyjamas or comfy clothes and bring their favourite bedtime reading. Share the benefits of reading as a home activity - and the children get recommendations from their friends!



Access to books at home

World Book Day's £1/€1.50 books

Giving children the opportunity to choose and own a book of their own is at the heart of World Book Day.

Connect with your local bookseller: early conversations can help your children get the £1/€1.50 books for free.

Bookshops are brilliant places to discover reading. They can create a great experience for your children in their shop or you can work with them to bring the £1/€1.50 token and £1 book exchange closer to your setting, and create a relationship that can go on beyond World Book Day.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more

Book fairs are a great way to bring the excitement and joy of choosing books closer to children. If a book fair is visiting your setting for World Book Day please ensure the £1/€1.50 books are available so that all children can have the experience of choosing and owning a book – for FREE.

Please talk to us about ways to do this wbd@education.co.uk



FOR CHILDREN

Children to choose what they want to read

Invite parents in for a 'choose tonight's bedtime story' activity. Model supporting children to choose based on family interests and offer tips about how to share or better still show them with your own bedtime story at the end of the event.

Having trusted adults and peers sharing and recommending books

Dressing up

A popular way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what children are reading at home.

Tips to make dressing up inclusive and a way to celebrate children's book choices:

- Just 3 items: can children create a character or book from just 3 items from home or setting?
- Does your letter to parents focus on the child's choice of book?
- A rail stocked with various hats, capes, coats and tails can provide key elements of costume to support children's understanding of character across the year. Host a costume swap, or parents might be able to help source costumes.
- Provide options for children who prefer non-fiction – offer options to share favourite facts or be the author using costumes or props.

Offer alternatives

- Make badges.
- Customise t-shirts.
- Dress up a lifesize drawing - draw round the children on wallpaper and invite them to create themselves as a character. Display the finished characters in a gallery for the others to explore or even invite parents to look at what you've created.

If your setting is dressing up, celebrate choice (avoid giving prizes for best costume, which can exclude some children)



Time to read

Help embed reading into everyone's day:

Try our [Time to read](#) resource in partnership with Pawprint.

Make reading part of non-curriculum time

Create a cosy reading space – it could even feature special guests. A pop-up will make it more compelling.

Find more fun activities at
worldbookday.com/celebrate-world-book-day