

Your World Book Day

Activity Bank

Celebration activities are a special part of World Book Day. Our Activity Bank includes activities based on our [6 behaviours that support children to read for pleasure](#) with lots of fun, inclusive activities to make sure all children can enjoy World Book Day.

FOR CHILDREN



Being read to regularly

Read aloud selector

Challenge your pupils to be creative and transform wooden spoons into a chosen book from home or school. 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'](#) or [Book Club extracts](#) to get some tasters for your class.

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 and young people 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/£1.50 book exchange closer to your school/nursery, and create a relationship that can go on beyond World Book Day.

Click [HERE](#) to find out more.

Book fairs in school are a great way to bring the excitement and joy of choosing books closer to children. If a book fair is visiting your school 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 at wbd@education.co.uk



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Children to choose what they want to read

Talk about how to choose what to read

Help children to understand the difference between curriculum and chosen reading: talk about what you read to relax, or when you have more time. Make a visual display of your class's reading choices at different times to display in your book corner.

Use the £1/£1.50 books to model choosing books

Use the taster activities for each of our £1/£1.50 books, [available on each of the £1/£1.50 book pages](#) on our website. Designed with [Coram Beanstalk](#) and [Bag Books](#).



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 school?
- 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 or PTAs 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.

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

Offer alternatives

- Make badges.
- Customise t-shirts.
- The cardboard challenge: provide brown cardboard and a time limit of 30 minutes. Invite children to create a key prop or clothing item. These could be displayed with the books to create a museum that the class can explore or be modelled in an assembly.

Perfect a quickfire book recommendation

Get the children in pairs to describe their book - give them 2 minutes to start with then swap partners, drop the time by 30 seconds and repeat until each child has a 30 second summary.

Make a human library

Divide the class in half and create an inner and outer circle - invite the children in the inner circle to present their 30 second book introduction before the outer ring moves round one place. Repeat this several times. Ask the children which books they would like to take out of the library - you could move on to reading aloud the early pages of popular titles.

Never have I ever....

Students take turns trying to find books that haven't been written for example:

- Never have I ever read a book with a vampire as the main character...
- Never have I ever read a book set here...

Award points for categories that no-one can think of a book recommendation for.



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Two truths and a lie

Pupils tell two truths and a lie about a book they have read. They can even include a fake title if they want to really trip people up!

World Book Day book recommendations

Check out our [Book Club](#) and [Reading Recommendations](#).

Role on the Wall

Invite the children to draw round each other and use the outline to create the silhouette of their character. Create a character profile by writing key actions on the arms and hands, key feelings in the heart, key ideas or thoughts in their head, key sayings (if there are any) in a speech bubble and key places they go on their feet. Display the finished characters in a gallery for the others to explore.

Create a poster

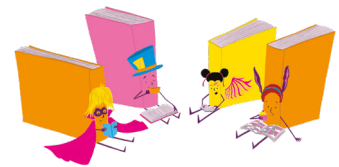
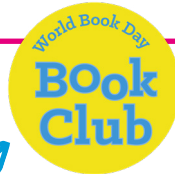
Children pick a non-fiction title and create a poster with some of the most exciting information from the book or a profile of something described in the book.



The reading experience is fun

Run a [World Book Day Book Club](#)

Check out our [Top Tips](#).



A World Book Day character party

Create a party set up (food table, dance floor, seating area), put some music on and invite your children to enter the party as their character/book. Or provide stickers for the children to wear.

Where would they go? Who would they talk to? Who might they try and avoid?

Support the children with introductions and ask them questions. Stop the music to freeze the party and ask them what they are doing and why. Children who have opted for a non-fiction title might need additional prompting - encourage them to consider the fictional characters that would most like or need their book.

Guess Who?

Grab your detective's hat and polish your magnifying glass, it's time to get guessing... Draw or dress up as your favourite book character and play a giant game of 'Guess Who?' on the floor! [Download your free resource sheet here](#).

Charades

Students act out a book title. You could ask them to drop their favourite book title into a bowl and then each person pulls out a title to enact.

Time to read

Help embed reading into everyone's day

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

Make reading part of non-curriculum time

Create a cosy reading space – it could even feature special guests at break and lunch times. A pop up will make it more compelling.

