

Social Reading activities without costume

There are several ways you can develop book talk and a fun reading atmosphere in the classroom on World Book Day if you don't want your children to be dressed up:

Activity		Non-fiction alternative
The cardboard challenge	Provide the children with a limited amount of brown cardboard and a time limit of 30 minutes and invite them to create a key prop or clothing item for their character. These could be labelled and displayed with the books to create a museum that the class can explore.	Create a model that represents your favourite fact or piece of information from a non-fiction book.
Make your Favourite Book Characters (see a gallery of examples here)	Challenge your pupils to be as creative as they like by transforming a potato or wooden spoon into their favourite book character. These can be used to create table top displays or drama activities or the spoons could be placed in a jar and used to choose read alouds throughout the day.	Spoons can be decorated with information or a diagram from the book if there isn't an obvious subject for their spoon.
Role on the Wall	<p>Invite the children to draw round each other (or provide a body outline) - give them a few minutes to modify the silhouette to create the outline of their character.</p> <p>Guide the children through creating 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.</p>	This activity is still possible with biographies. With other types of non-fiction children could be invited to create a poster with some of the most exciting information from the book or create a profile of something that is described in the book.

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Focus on the habit	Instead of inviting children to dress up as a character instead ask them to come in pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime reading. This is an opportunity to share the benefits of reading as a pre-bed activity and for the children to get some recommendations from their friends.	
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