

HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 7 MARCH

Make your World Book Day happen

Whether it's months before or the night before, read on to ensure that your World Book Day celebrates reading for pleasure. These activities were developed with [LitDrive](#). We've suggested some ways these could be incorporated into your day, but all of the activities can be done whenever best suits you and your setting.

<p>5 MINUTES IN FORM TIME?</p> <p>MAKE TIME TO READ AND LISTEN TO BOOKS BEING READ ALOUD</p>	<p>Share extracts Ask staff to pre-record an extract from a book/short story that students can access in school or use the Look Insides to share the World Book Day titles. You could also include a library display of all the titles shared.</p> <p>Register and Read Introduce a reading slot during form time – opening chapters from a wide range of genres or current affairs articles work brilliantly. A discussion about their thoughts, feelings and reactions to the book could then follow.</p> <p>Freedom to Read Allow students ten minutes to read (or be read to) at the start of each lesson of World Book Day.</p> 
<p>SOMETHING FOR LUNCH?</p> <p>YOUNG PEOPLE TO CHOOSE WHAT THEY WANT TO READ</p>	<p>Bookshops Ask your local bookshop to run a book stall. They can support students in making choices. Find your nearest bookshop</p> <p>Book Tasting Set up a room like a restaurant, with menus of books from different genres. Students can explore the room and discover a range of new texts.</p> <p>£1/£1.50 Books Discuss the titles and blurbs of the books on offer for 2024. Students could complete a paired activity where they explain which book they will choose and what intrigues them about it. You could also use the £1/£1.50 book information sheets for simple games and conversation starters.</p>
<p>IN THE LIBRARY</p>	<p>Reading Buddies Create a questionnaire to delve into students' interests and then pair them up with a younger student with similar responses. Older students begin each session reading a book that caters to the tastes of both. The younger student could then choose to read to the older student. Story cubes can also be used as a fun way to encourage students to make a link from the book to others they know!</p> <p>Book Club Create a book club. Meeting once a week and hosting a discussion around a shared read is a brilliant way to get students reading. Students could take the lead each week with the discussion points. The World Book Day Book Club Resource Hub has some great activities, book recommendations and extracts to help you set up your own book club.</p>
<p>JUST ONE LESSON</p> <p>MAKE THE READING EXPERIENCE FUN</p> 	<p>LIT-EGG or LIT-SPUD As an alternative to dressing up, ask students to decorate an egg or a potato as their favourite literary character or topic. Staff could join in, too!</p> <p>Hidden in Plain Sight Invite students and staff to find a way to be representing their favourite book that is tricky to spot – they could carry clues, wear a pin badge, drop in catchphrases to everyday conversation, have something in their lunch that's key to the story etc. Prizes could be awarded for sneaking clues past each other and for guessing the most.</p> <p>Guess Who? Get teachers to name and describe their favourite childhood book with clues. Students then have a quiz sheet and question staff members. Alternatively, staff could provide a childhood picture of themselves alongside a favourite childhood story and students then guess who the images are.</p> <p>Book Bake Off Get staff and students to bake a range of book-themed goodies. Gingerbread people decorated as a character or cakes depicting scenes from stories should get students talking!</p>

<p>GETTING BOOKS HOME</p>	<p>Book Swap A free book swap in school is a fantastic way to give students access to a wide range of books. In the week leading up to World Book Day, encourage students to bring in any books that they would like to exchange and create a stall.</p> <p>Local Library Arrange for your local librarian to visit school to encourage students to sign up. Alternatively, arrange for students to visit their local library - find your nearest library here.</p> <p>Rescue an Abandoned Book Encourage students to visit their local charity shop and 'rescue' a book... and all for a good cause!</p>
<p>SECRETS AND SURPRISES – HAVING TRUSTED ADULTS AND PEERS SHARING AND RECOMMENDING BOOKS</p> 	<p>Story Share Ask older students to either recommend or read an extract from their favourite book to the younger students in school OR write a brief recommendation postcard to display</p> <p>Carry a Book Ask staff to carry a book with them on World Book Day and encourage students to ask them questions about it. Alternatively, staff could wear a badge or a lanyard with their favourite book displayed.</p> <p>Dress Your Door Encourage staff to decorate their classroom doors with key information about their favourite book to promote discussion on entry. They could use images, key quotations, character names, fun facts etc., to recommend their book.</p> <p>Book Trail Hide books around the school building and provide students with clues. The first to find can either keep or pass on.</p> <p>Books That Made Me... Ask students to discuss the following: - Books that made me smile - Books that made me lol - Books that made me sad - Books that changed my life The results can then be collated into a school list and displayed.</p> <p>Reading Recommendations Explore the Reading Recommendations page of the World Book Day website with students. The lists are arranged according to authors, genres and general interests. There are even author videos to share.</p> <p>Author Recommendations Show students the author videos for the 'fluent' and 'independent' recommended reads or discover more with Authorfy. In small groups, students could discuss their understanding of the topics and issues raised in the novels, such as cerebral palsy, identity and ethnicity, understanding other cultures and customs, trust and friendship.</p>
<p>DARE YOU TRY THESE WAYS TO MAKE READING FEEL DIFFERENT ON WORLD BOOK DAY?</p>	<p>Only ask questions about how students feel about what they are reading/what is read to them. Anything goes – read anything you like and no-one is allowed to make a comment.</p> <p>Don't get caught reading – challenge students and teachers to read without being seen. How sneaky can they be?!</p> <p>A secret santa style book recommendation – invite students to wrap up a book for another student to gift on World Book Day. Students can annotate the wrapping with why they've chosen that book for their classmate.</p>

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