

# 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

### A big World Book Day welcome

#### SHARE READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Set up large pieces of paper at drop-off for children and parents to make recommendations – you could photograph these and send them out, or combine them to make a whole school list. For older children you could invite them to recommend in categories – either by genre (comics, graphic novels, fiction, non-fiction etc.) or by when they like to read (to relax, to learn, to escape etc.).

### Assembly time

Use our assembly pack developed with Shapes for Schools to create a [World Book Day Assembly](#).

The Assembly has other World Book Day template slides for you to use throughout the day.

### A World Book Day lesson

#### TRUSTED HELP TO FIND A BOOK

Invite your students to run reading interviews with peers and/or members of staff. These are the questions we developed with Authorfy for the authors in our assembly videos and those hosted on the Authorfy website.

Divide the children into 4 groups and give each group one question to research.

1. *What is your top tip for enjoying reading?*
2. *Can you share something you've read in the last year and enjoyed?*
3. *Where is your favourite place to read?*
4. *What do you want to read more of this year?*

Redivide the children so they are in a group with one person asking each question.

Run the interview – children collect the answers to their questions. Return children to their groups to create summaries of what they've learned and share with the class.

Follow up activities:

1. *Creatively display the recommendations – how do children want to discover them?*
2. *Create posters out of the top tips to share in the classroom or around school.*
3. *Using the responses to questions 1, and 4, invite the children to write their own reading challenges – either trying out one of the tips or choosing something different to read.*
4. *Using the responses to question 3, (Re)design your reading area to more closely match their favourite reading spaces.*



<p><b>Between sessions</b></p>	<p><b>SUPPORT CHOOSING</b> Use our £1/€1.50 book 'Look Insides' to share the beginnings of the £1/€1.50 books with your class or pick a story that you can read in installments throughout the day.</p>
<p><b>Join the party</b></p>	<p><b>MAKE READING FUN</b> Join us and the BBC for a <a href="#">World Book Day Live Lesson</a> featuring our brilliant £1/€1.50 book authors and illustrators. Available to watch live via the <b>BBC Teach website</b> or <b>CBBC channel</b> on <b>Thursday 7 March at 11am</b>.</p>
<p><b>Enjoy some cosy reading time</b></p>	<p><b>MAKE TIME TO READ</b> Surprise the children with <b>Drop Everything and Read</b>. Mix up your D.E.A.R. sessions with a Drop Everything and Choose session – laying out a range of books on the carpet or on a table and encouraging children to choose. Do your children struggle with book choosing? Try our new resources from <a href="#">Love Reading</a> to support them. Use our <a href="#">Reading Badges</a> so children who need support or want to offer suggestions are obvious.</p>
<p><b>At the end of the day</b></p>	<p><b>ACCESS TO BOOKS</b> Give out the <b>£1/€1.50 book token</b> to every child and <b>explain how to redeem the token</b> and where they might find the £1/€1.50 books near them.</p>
<p><b>Home time</b></p>	<p><b>SHARE BOOKS</b> Host a school bedtime story for children and their parents – why not invite your <a href="#">local bookseller</a> along to bring the £1/€1.50 books so children can exchange their tokens?</p>
<p><b>Dare to be different</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Not dressing up? There are other fun ways to celebrate reading with our <a href="#">Dressing Up Alternatives Resource</a>.</i></li> <li>• <i>Only ask questions about how children feel about what they are reading/what is read to them.</i></li> <li>• <i>Anything goes – read anything you like and no-one is allowed to make a comment</i></li> <li>• <i>Don't get caught reading – challenge students not to get caught with a book in their hands – can anyone keep their reading hidden for a whole day?</i></li> <li>• <i>A secret santa style book recommendation – invite students to wrap up a book for a chosen other student to be in their place on World Book Day. Children can annotate the wrapping with why they've chosen that book for their classmate.</i></li> </ul>



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