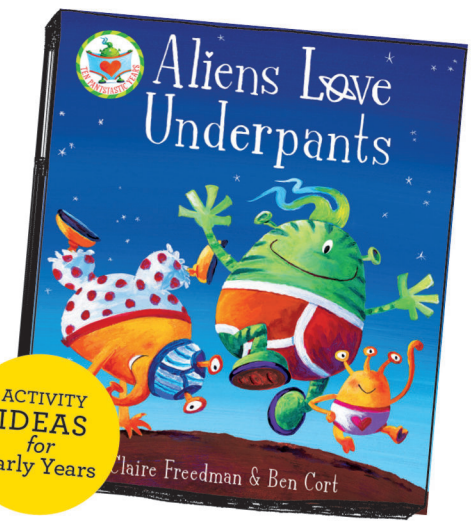


WORLD BOOK DAY IDEAS



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PREPARATION

Costume ideas

- Encourage children to come dressed as aliens – maybe wearing an oversized pair of underpants too! They could wear coloured clothes with headbands showing extra eyes, stuffed tights to make extra arms and legs and face paint for additional effect.
- **Optional activity:** Children could be encouraged to donate £1 to dress up, to fundraise for Book Aid International bookaid.org/worldbookday

Things that could be set up in a classroom

- Set up a role-play spaceship with toy aliens, copies of the book and non-fiction space books, pictures or paintings of stars and planets, and spaceship buttons and controls. The area could be decorated with tin foil or silver paper and alien or underpants picture.
- Create a washing line of underpants. Have a variety of colours, sizes and patterns available for children to sort and use. The pictures could be numbered for children to sequence as an extra activity.

THE DAY ITSELF

Start of the Day

- Introduce what World Book Day is to the children and read *Aliens Love Underpants*. Encourage the children to listen carefully to the story, look at the illustrations and listen to/ identify the rhyming words.
- After reading the story, encourage the children to talk about their favourite parts and why they like them.

Morning activity ideas

- Encourage children to write a description of their favourite alien from the book or the alien they are dressed-up as. Encourage children to think about and write a description based on colour, size, number of eyes, arms, legs and what type of underpants they like best!
- Provide underpants-shaped paper and a variety of paint, crayons, pencils or collage materials. Encourage children to decorate a pair of underpants with colours and patterns.

Lunch/snack time ideas

- Make some flying saucer cookies! Make a simple biscuit recipe and add an extra ball of dough into the middle of each cookie. Once baked, these could be decorated with icing and small sweets to look like the aliens' flying saucers.

Afternoon activity ideas

- Challenge children to create alien models using playdough or clay. Other materials such as googly eyes, pipe cleaners, buttons and paper underpants pictures. They could take a photo of their finished alien to share with others in the group or for display.
- Provide a range of junk modelling equipment and encourage the children to create a spaceship for the aliens.

To end the day

- Perform the story for another class or visitor. Encourage the children to retell the story using words and actions.
- Talk about the children's favourite parts of the story and why they like them. Talk about their favourite activity from the day.

HOME LEARNING

- Encourage children to tell the story to someone at home and talk about their favourite part.
- Children could find out some facts about space to share with the group.
- Encourage parents to visit their local bookshop with their children to redeem their £1 World Book Day book token if they have one, to get a FREE World Book Day book.