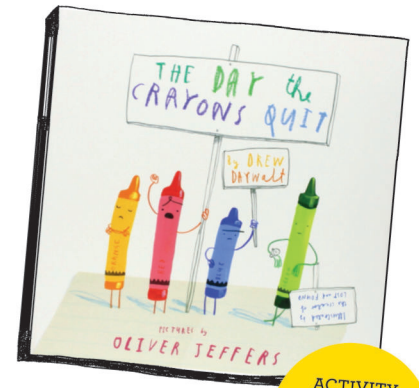


WORLD BOOK DAY

IDEAS



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ACTIVITY
IDEAS
for
Early Years

THE DAY THE CRAYONS QUIT

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PREPARATION

Costume ideas

- Encourage children to come dressed as crayons or wearing clothes in their favourite colour. See ideas of how to dress as a crayon at bookaid.org/worldbookday
- **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 colourful role play area with items of each colour mentioned in the story, crayons and paper, envelopes and stamps and model crayons.
- Decorate the classroom with areas of different colours. Have an area for each colour mentioned in the story. Provide items of each colour in each section and photos of objects found of each colour. Large crayon pictures could be decorated and used to show the different areas.

THE DAY ITSELF

Start of the Day

- Introduce World Book Day to the children and read *The Day the Crayons Quit* together. Encourage the children to listen carefully to the story and talk about why the crayons are cross or upset.
- Identify the different colours mentioned in the story and talk about other items of each colour.

Morning activity ideas

- Write a letter to the crayons. How could we get the crayons to stay? The children could write individual letters to their favourite crayon or a shared letter to the box of crayons, encouraging them to stay.
- Provide a large bowl or box of crayons and encourage the children to sort them into sets of each colour. Talk about similar colours and shades.

Lunch/snack time ideas

- Create a rainbow fruit salad for the children to eat. Encourage the children to draw pictures of their favourite fruit and use different colours to show the different fruits used in the salad.

Afternoon activity ideas

- Encourage children to decorate a picture of each crayon using a variety of different materials. They could create a collage of each colour or use crayons, pencils or paint to create individual pictures or a large shared picture for display.
- Explore colour mixing to create different colours and shades. Encourage the children to create pictures using colours of their choice – some could be unusual such as a blue strawberry or black tree.

To end the day

- Talk about the children's favourite parts of the story and why they like them. Also talk about favourite colours and what other coloured crayons could be in the book.

HOME LEARNING

- Encourage children to tell the story to someone at home and talk about their favourite part.
- Children could draw or colour a picture using all their favourite colours. Perhaps they could create a picture using unusual colour choices so that the crayons are happy!
- 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.