



Further Guidance for Adults (Parents & Caregivers)

Children are more likely to enjoy, engage with reading if they talk about reading together. Running a book club for children is a brilliant opportunity for them engage with their feelings and opinions about a book. A book club can be the perfect way to combine socialising with reading.

Our Book Club selections

Our selections for the World Book Day Book Club have been chosen to get children talking and will alternate between reads that are broadly suitable for upper primary (KS2) and those for lower primary (KS1). Each month we will host a Q&A video with the author, an extract reading, downloadable book club questions, and downloadable goodies such as a snack recipe.

Tips & Tricks

We have a few tips to help you get started on running your book club!

- **Make it fun!** A book club is best when it's turned into an event to look forward to. Snacks, floor cushions, incentives, can all help create a really fun book club environment with friends and family.
- Decide how you will read the book as a group – you might decide to read a chapter aloud and then discuss it, or read alone and come together to talk about it at the book club gather.
- We recommend that you read a text you are going to share with children before you start to make sure there are no triggers or content that is unsuitable for your group. Our recommendations are for the 'average' child but you know your children best.
- Every month we will help you bring the books to life with extra videos and downloads – including a Q&A with the author and our book club host, Kenny Baraka, a reading extract
- video, snack ideas/recipes and more. You can find all this at worldbookday.com/bookclub
- Book Club conversations should be passion and reader lead – we are making some suggestions about the kinds of thing you might like to talk about – and you might have some ideas too but the joy will be following the children's lines of enquiry.
- Book Club questions should be open inviting as wide as possible a response from the group. Invite ideas, opinions and questions about the book from all group members.
- Connect the book to the reader's own experience and their knowledge of other texts. You might think about inviting predictions or connections from the group or the group might be interested in connecting it to their own writing.
- You might want to draw your children's attention to the author's recommended reads to support them making their next independent book choice