



World Book Day

What Is World Book Day?

World Book Day is a special day when children celebrate their love of books and reading. World Book Day also aims to give every child the chance to own a book of their own.

Did You Know...?

World Book Day happens every year and the first World Book Day was held in 1995.

What Happens on World Book Day?



Children take part in exciting activities in school on World Book Day. Many children dress up as their favourite book characters and take part in fun activities. Lots of libraries, authors, **publishers** and booksellers also take part in World Book Day.



Did You Know...?

Every year, schoolchildren in the UK are given a special World Book Day token so that they can choose a book for £1.



Why Is Reading Important?



It is important for children to enjoy what they read. Reading helps children to learn because it improves their understanding and problem-solving skills. Regular reading can also help to improve children's vocabulary.

Did You Know...?

Reading about different characters in stories can also help children to understand other people's thoughts and feelings. This helps children to build happy friendships.



How Can I Choose the Right Book?

It can sometimes be tricky to find a book that you enjoy. Here are some top tips to help you to choose your next read.

Read the description on the back of the book. This will tell you more about what the book is about.

Visit your local library. Borrowing a book is free for children and the librarians there can often provide some helpful advice.

Try reading a book about something or someone that interests you. This could be a fact book or a magazine. Why not try reading a book based on a film that you have seen?

Ask a friend. Why not ask your classmates if they have read any good books that you might enjoy?

Glossary

publisher: A company that prepares and supplies books.

vocabulary: The words that a person uses.

Questions

1. When was the first World Book Day? Tick one.

- 1985
 1995
 1990
 1998

2. How often does World Book Day happen? Tick one.

- every month
 every week
 every year
 every two years

3. Draw **three** lines and complete each sentence.

Many children dress up as...

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a special World Book Day token.

their favourite book characters.

children's vocabulary.

4. In which section of the text would you find information about libraries? Tick one.

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5. Look at the section called **Why Is Reading Important?**

Find and copy a word which means the same as 'to do something often'.

6. Fill in the missing word.

It is important for children to _____ what they read.

7. Explain why reading is important for children.
