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World Book Day

Learning aims

- Enjoy favourite books and stories
- Talk about their own experiences of books
- Join in with repeated phrases
- Develop listening and attention
- Develop vocabulary.

Resources

- A selection of children's favourite stories
- A cosy space to share stories together
- World Book Day celebration decorations:
 - Bunting in your reading spaces
 - Large cut out story characters hanging from ceilings
 - Pictures of a range of reading books
 - Photographs of children reading story books or acting out stories
 - Story resources – puppets, story spoons, story boxes, reading buddies, etc.



Activity outline

1. Talk to children and parents about World Book Day and ask them to bring in their favourite story book from home. Invite children to come dressed up as their favourite character or to bring something that represents their story
2. Review your reading spaces and add enhancements to celebrate World Book Day
3. Start your celebration by looking at children's favourite stories, characters and things brought from home. Ask children to talk about why they like the book
4. Read some of the most popular favourite stories
5. Set up reading areas across your provision (indoors and outdoors) and have adults available to share stories throughout the day. Ensure you include other ways to tell stories, e.g. story stones, puppets, finger puppets, story spoons, story sacks and oral stories
6. Provide a stage area with dressing up clothes for acting out stories
7. Invite parents into the session and finish the day with a family story session.



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Extension ideas

- The 2023 theme is 'You are a reader'. Create personal story books for each child. Add lots of photographs of their personal experiences, family, pets, celebrations, holidays, etc. and encourage each child to read/share their story.

Extending the activity

- [Publication: Developing Literacy Superheroes](#)
- [Literacy Champions programme](#)