Children's Book Week



What is Children's Book Week?

Children's Book Week is an annual celebration of reading for pleasure for children of primary school age.
Children's Book Week was started by a librarian called Franklin K Matthews, who was the librarian for the Boy Scouts of America. It officially started in 1919, which means that this year marks the 100th year anniversary.

Why is reading important?

There are many, many reasons why reading is important, but children's book week aims to promote the pleasure of reading. When you read a book you can be taken into another world, learn amazing facts, be someone else and forget anything that is going on that may be worrying you.

Here are some fun activities to celebrate Children's Book Week. We would love you to share your learning and facts with us either by email or on our school twitter @EllisonPrimary

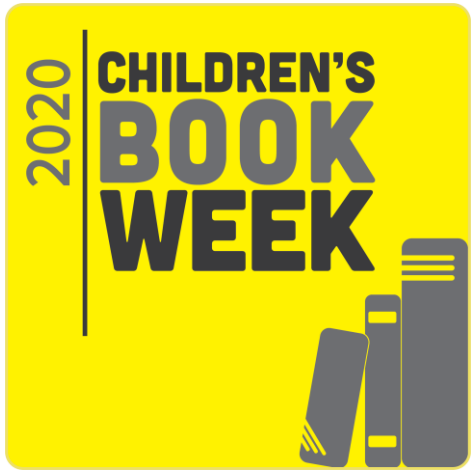
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Every Child a Reader

Every Child a Reader are a non-profit organisation who organise Children's Book Week. Their mission statement is to "Strive to make the reading and enjoyment of children's books an essential part of daily life and a lifelong joy."
On their website are many different activities to celebrate children's book week:

Why not see how much of this reading checklist you can tick off?

Colour this beautiful poster for Children's Book Week, why not put it in your window to inspire people on their daily walks?



Fill out this clever diagram to help you to share what you loved about a book you have read.

You can download the free Children's Book Week official colouring book here.

Are you in need of a new bookmark? These also come with an activity sheet too.



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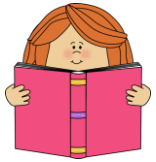
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On the links are some templates to give you ideas.
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Audio Books

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Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama is the Former First Lady of the United States. She is the Wife of Barack Obama who was the 44th President of the United States. She is currently reading a series of children's books every Monday on YouTube.

Click here to listen to her read The Gruffalo.

Click here to listen to her read There's a Dragon in Your Book.



Other Audio Books

https://stories.audible.com/start-listen This link has a good collection of audio books for children of all ages. There is no login required and it is also free.



These include Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, The Jungle Book and a beautiful reading of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Scarlett Johansson.

You can click here to listen to David Walliams reading some of his very funny books.

Older children may like to listen to Anthony Horowitz read his first Alex Rider book, Stormbreaker on YouTube here.

Mindfulness

Here are some links with mindfulness colouring designs linking to books and authors. There are also some bookmarks for you to create.

Google Drive Link – Roald Dahl.

Google Drive Link – Bookmarks.

Google Drive Link – Jack and the Beanstalk.

Google Drive Link – Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Story Yoga

Cosmic Kids has lots of great mindfulness and yoga clips. https://www.cosmickids.com/

The links below are some free yoga stories to try.

https://youtu.be/KAT5NiWHFIU We're going on a bear hunt .

https://youtu.be/u8sEfRXRuAw Alice in Wonderland.

https://youtu.be/xhWDiQRrCIY The very hungry caterpillar .

https://youtu.be/R-BS87NTV5I Harry Potter.

Author Research

Create your own fact file about your favourite author. Spend time researching an author then record your findings. You can do this in any creative way.

Book Bingo

Book bingo is a great game that you can continue to play even after this week. You could create your own bingo board or use one of the ones from the links.

Google Drive Link Bingo 1. Google Drive Link Bingo 2.

Ideas Everywhere

Have a go at writing your own story. You can write your own, you could ask an adult to write your ideas for you or even talk about your story ideas. You could even act out your own story. On this link is story about how to write a story, by Polly Dunbar, that you can download. https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/writing-tips/ideas-everywhere/

Design

Why not take some time to design a front cover for the book you wrote? Think about how your main character would look. Or you could re design an existing book, could you do a better Gruffalo, Harry Potter or Black Beauty front cover. We would love to see your designs if you want to share them on Twitter or e-mail them to your teacher.





Penguin Book's Activities

Penguin Books have been publishing books since 1935. They currently have over 100 book related activities and craft ideas on there website, Check them out here.

Some great ones include:

Terry Pratchett's The Witch's Vacuum Cleaner biscuits.

Peppa Pig inspired bunny ears.

And these challenges to help learn to tell the time.