

What's happening in the news this week?



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

4th - 10th March 2024



How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?



Let's look at this week's story

Across the UK and Ireland, the charity, World Book Day, will be holding its annual celebration on Thursday 7th March. The day is a chance to celebrate and encourage reading in schools and homes. Children are more likely to enjoy reading when they have greater control over what they read and when there is an emphasis on fun, the charity believes. Many schools choose to recognise the day by encouraging children to dress up as their favourite book characters, bringing in their favourite books and holding other reading activities in school.



Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



How does it make me feel?



sad

despondent
disconsolate
dismal
doleful
downhearted
forlorn
gloomy
melancholic
miserable
woeful
wretched

angry

aggrieved
annoyed
discontented
disgruntled
distressed
exasperated
frustrated
indignant
offended
outraged
resentful
vexed

happy

beaming
buoyant
cheery
contented
delighted
enraptured
gleeful
glowing
joyful

confused

addled
baffled
bemused
bewildered
disorientated
indistinct
muddled
mystified
perplexed
puzzled

excited

animated
elevated
enlivened
enthusiastic
exhilarated
exuberant
thrilled

worried

agitated
anxious
apprehensive
concerned
disquieted
distraught
distressed
disturbed
fretful
perturbed
troubled
uneasy

overwhelmed

engulfed
inundated
overburdened
overloaded
saturated
submerged
swamped

afraid

alarmed
apprehensive
daunted
fearful
frantic
horrified
petrified
terrified

guilty

ashamed
compunctious
contrite
culpable
penitent
responsible
rueful

jealous

bitter
covetous
desirous
envious
envying
resentful
wary

thankful

appreciative
grateful
gratified
indebted
obliged
relieved

shocked

astonished
astounded
disconcerted
distressed
dumbfounded
horrified
staggered
startled
stunned
surprised

disgusted

affronted
appalled
horrified
repelled
repulsed
revolted
sickened

inspired

activated
encouraged
exhilarated
galvanised
influenced
motivated

embarrassed

ashamed
awkward
chagrined
demeaned
discomposd
humiliated
self-conscious
uncomfortable
uneasy
unsettled

interested

absorbed
captivated
curious
engaged
enthralled
fascinated
gripped
intrigued
riveted

This week's story looks at events related to ...



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Read the information below to learn more about this year's focus for World Book Day.

World Book Day 2024

World Book Day aims to change lives through a love of books and reading. It is a charity that operates in the UK and Ireland.

World Book Day 2024 will highlight that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed, and we make reading fun.

Each year, World Book Day releases a new line-up of £1 books, and issues tokens to schools. Included this year are the titles: Elmer, the Dinosaur Club, and Can You Get Jellyfish in Space?

Changing lives through a
love of books and reading.

World Book Day UK's motto.



Picture and Source: World Book Day UK.

Impact of World Book Day

'Parents, surveyed by the charity [National Literacy Trust, in 2021] said that 50% of children find reading more fun because of World Book Day, 48% make more time to read, and 49% feel they have more choice in what they read because of it.'

Taken from WorldBookDay.com

Do you agree?



Is World Book Day something you enjoy taking part in?



Look at the resource below, which shares some information about how World Book Day started.

World Book Day was created by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration to promote the enjoyment of books and reading.



In 1997, the first World Book Day took place in the UK and Ireland. It is celebrated every year on the first Thursday in March.



Over 100 countries around the world take part in World Book Day.

Our message is the same today as it was then – that reading is fun, relevant, accessible, exciting, and has the power to transform lives.

Baroness Gail Reubuck, World Book Day founder UK and Ireland.

Have you heard of UNESCO before? Do you enjoy books and reading?



Look at the resource below, which shares some of the ways schools can celebrate World Book Day.

Extreme reading

Choose your favourite book and read it in an interesting place. Get someone to snap a photo of you and create a class extreme reading display!



Author/library/bookshop visit

Organise for an author, librarian or bookshop owner to visit school or take a trip to a library or bookshop.



Story competition

Get creative and write your own stories. You could host a story competition and invite someone to judge them.



Amazing vocabulary

Scan some books to find some of the most ambitious, amazing and exciting vocabulary that you can. Record the words in a graffiti style and display them.

Connect with other schools

Organise an online session to share some of your favourite books with other schools in the UK or even globally!



Playtime reading

Put a range of books in boxes or baskets to be placed outside or in communal areas to be read and shared during breaks.



Organise a book festival

Your festival could include a range of activities such as add a joke to create a school joke book, a live drawing session based on illustrators, members of the community reading aloud sections from their favourite children's books, a poetry open mic session, second-hand book swap.



**Do you think you would enjoy any of these?
Which do you think you would find the most fun and exciting?**



How do you think World Book Day should be celebrated?

Reflection



World Book Day is a chance to celebrate books and reading. Dressing up as our favourite book character is one way of promoting and celebrating it!





Mutual Respect and Tolerance

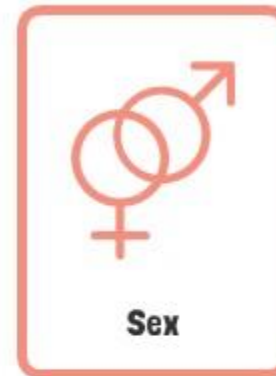
Reading can help us to learn more about our world. It can help us understand and respect other people's faiths, beliefs and culture and that life is not the same for everyone.

Protected Characteristics



World Book Day aims to change lives through a love of reading and books. Young people often celebrate in school but anyone of any age can celebrate.

We should never be treated unfairly because of our age.





UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to rest, relax, play and take part in cultural and creative activities. World Book Day can provide us with an opportunity to do this.



Useful vocabulary



Annual

Happening once every year.

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Championed

Supported or defended.

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Charity

An organisation that helps someone or something and does not profit from it.

It is a **charity** that operates in the UK and Ireland.

Emphasis

Placing importance, attention or value on something.

Children are more likely to enjoy reading when they have greater control over what they read and when there is an **emphasis** on fun.

Encourage

Give support and confidence to someone so that they are more likely to do something.

The day is a chance to celebrate and **encourage** reading in schools and homes.

Operates

Carries out work.

It is a charity that **operates** in the UK and Ireland.

Can you use them in your writing this week?



Alligator Operation

Seventy US coins have been successfully removed from a rare alligator's stomach at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, in Nebraska, USA. Zookeepers report that Thibodaux, the leucistic American alligator, has recovered well from surgery. Foreign metal objects were identified in his stomach during routine examinations by veterinarians at the zoo. Christina Ploog, the vet who led the procedure, said, 'A plastic pipe was placed to protect his mouth and safely pass the tools used to access the coins, such as a camera that helped us guide the retrieval of these objects.' Zookeepers think that 36-year-old Thibodaux ingested coins that had been thrown into the water in his enclosure. The zoo has asked visitors to not throw their spare change into any bodies of water at the zoo, and instead use the coin wishing well or convert them into the zoo's souvenir coins. Leucistic alligators are the rarest genetic variation of the American alligator. They normally have blue eyes and white, translucent, or pale pink skin.

How do you think staff at the zoo could stop the coins from ending up in the animals' water?



Pictured: Thibodaux, the 36-year-old leucistic American alligator (below) and the coins removed from Thibodaux's stomach (above).
Source: Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium Facebook page.



Supersonic Speeds



Pictured: A flying plane. **Source:** Canva.

Unusually high winds in the Atlantic jet stream have pushed passenger planes to supersonic speeds! Experts say the near record-breaking wind speeds are due to very cold temperatures in the northeast USA and much warmer air in the south. One commercial flight, travelling from Washington to London, was pushed to nearly 800mph. Another flight from New Jersey's Newark Airport to Lisbon, in Portugal, reached speeds of 835mph. This is much faster than a passenger aeroplane's typical flying speed, which would normally be around 575mph. 'This evening's weather balloon launch detected the 2nd strongest upper-level wind recorded in local history going back to the mid-20th

century. Around 34,000-35,000ft, winds peaked around 230 knots (265mph!). For those flying eastbound in this jet, there will be quite a tailwind,' the National Weather Service Baltimore/Washington posted. The Atlantic jet stream is a fast and narrow current of air, which flows from west to east and encircles the globe. Aeroplanes travelling east from North America often use the jet stream to help them to travel faster and cut down the amount of fuel that they need to use. Scientists, however, do warn that the downside of the increased speed is the possibility of a much bumpier ride, due to more severe turbulence.
How do you think it would feel to travel this fast?

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Long-lost Trophy Returned



Pictured: People taking part in the Highland Games held in Cabrach last year. **Source:** The Cabrach Trust X page.

A Highland Games trophy, missing for 90 years, has been located! An appeal to find the missing Cabrach Rose Bowl trophy has resulted in the award being found in Devon, southwest England and returned home to Cabrach, a hamlet in Moray, Scotland. The Cabrach Trust, an organisation committed to regenerating local communities, brought back the Cabrach Picnic and Games in 2022, after an 87-year gap. The Cabrach Picnic and Games was a staple of the Highland Games calendar and ran annually from 1877 to 1935. The recently-found silverware was traditionally awarded to the top-performing athlete at the Games. Attendees at the event held in 2023 could enjoy 'have a go' Highland Games, tug o' war, Highland dances, music, food and drink. Highland Games events typically include the caber toss (throwing a very large log as far as possible), hammer



Pictured: The Cabrach Rose Bowl Trophy. **Source:** The Cabrach Trust X page.

throw (throwing a heavy hammer as far as you can over your head backwards, whilst wearing special boots to ensure you stay firmly in one spot), stone put (very similar to shot put but using a large stone), Tug o' war and hill race. Organisers are overjoyed that the trophy has been returned in time for this year's Highland Games. Charlie Murray, chair of the Royal Scottish Highland Games Association, commented during the search for the prized bowl, saying, 'The Cabrach Rose Bowl represents a key component of the history of Scottish Highland Games. Silverware like this is steeped in the heritage of traditional Highland sport, and it is culturally very significant that such prizes remain as the reward for the finest athletes that grace our games.'

Have you ever attended a Highland Games? If not, do you think you would like to?

Last week's topic: How important is packaging?



I think this is a good idea for the environment not for people with bad eyesight like me.

Ella

I think that plastic bottles should be banned and we should use only glass!

Jamie

I think that less packaging is really important for the environment and a good idea.

Patrick

I think we should keep the plastic labels because it will be easier to recognise what I am drinking and the colours will make more people want to buy the drinks.

Carmen

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Things to talk about at home ...

- > Does your school recognise World Book Day? What do you do? Do you enjoy the activities?
- > What other ways do you think we can encourage people to read? Do you enjoy reading? Do you think it's important for people to read more?



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Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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