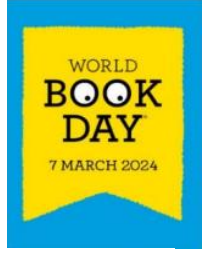


Dear parents and carers,

As you are aware, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March, and we hope you will join us to celebrate. As well as marking World Book Day in school, we'd love for you and your children to get involved at home too.



### **Audiobooks**

The powerful positive impact of reading books together as a family has been widely documented. Audiobooks can play a strong part in supporting this. Research shows that half of young people say listening to audiobooks has increased their interest in reading, and two in five say listening to audiobooks has made them more interested in writing.

**Access free audiobooks for children to enjoy at home from a 'world of stories.'**

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

### **Sharing a Story**

It's never too early to read stories with your child and spending just ten minutes every day enjoying books together can make a BIG difference to their development. Sharing stories boosts creativity and imagination, improves wellbeing, is a positive experience for parents, carers, guardians, grandparents – every! – and is great fun!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-story-corner/>

### **Visit the Local Library**

Discover your local libraries and encourage your children to use their amazing free services.

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/birchfield-library>

<https://birmingham.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/HOME>

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory\\_record/5122/aston\\_library](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/directory_record/5122/aston_library)

### **Reading Stories Together**

There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to or with your child. It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness, and fun. Giving a child time and full attention when reading a story with them, tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.

Unsure of what book to choose? Use the handy guide below:

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## A Love to Read Resource

Becoming more confident at choosing books you will enjoy is an important skill that takes time to master and needs to be practiced! We suggest these six strategies next time you choose your next book.

### 1. Think

What type of book are you in the mood for? Something to make you laugh, something which is familiar or completely new, a book which is exciting, or something to help you learn new things? Books offer us all types of amazing experiences. Before choosing a book, think about what type of experience you are looking for!

### 2. Choose:

There are many different strategies you can use to choose a book. For example, you can look at the front cover, the illustrations, read the blurb on the back, read the first few pages or random pages within the book. You can choose based on genre, author or book series, or choose based on a recommendation by someone or a review. You may try several of these strategies at once. Try using different strategies and see what works best for you.



### 3. Support:

There will be lots of others in your class and school who enjoy reading the same things as you do – support each other by recommending books to each other – you can share preferences by telling about them or writing short reviews/recommendations to display in your class or school.



### 4. Ask:

Your teacher and other school staff will have had lots of experience of choosing books. Ask them what strategies they use, or if they'd recommend any books for you. If you are struggling to find a book you like, ask them for help.



### 5. Look:

Look at how books are displayed in your class reading spaces or school library. Learn how books have been organised so you can choose more easily based on genre (e.g., funny, exciting) or topic (e.g., sports, animals). Help your teacher to organise these displays to support reading choices, look out for written reviews from others, and consider displaying your own reviews too!



### 6. Swap:

Even with good choosing strategies, sometimes a book is just not right, and that's ok. Becoming an independent and more confident reader is about knowing when a book is not right for you. So give it a go, don't give up too soon, but if you are just not enjoying it, choose something else – there's a better book out there for you!



**If you have any questions at all, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher at the start or end of the day – they will be happy to help.**

We really do look forward to celebrating world book day with you all.

Thank you for your continued support,

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