



- 1 In pairs, discuss the last book you read and whether you would recommend it. Then discuss how important you think books are and why.

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Hey guys!

As you may or may not know, it's World Book Day this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and my school is holding lots of fun events to celebrate. If you don't know anything about World Book Day, then here's everything you need to know!

World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and, most importantly, it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind and marked in over 100 countries around the world. In other parts of the world it's celebrated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, but in the UK the day is recognized on the first Thursday in March because the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April clashes with the school Easter holidays and is also St George's Day. In 1995, UNESCO decided that the World Book Day would be celebrated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April as the date is also the anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega, as well as that of the birth or death of several other prominent authors, such as Maurice Druon, Halldór K Laxness, Vladimir Nabokov, Josep Pla and Manuel Mejía Vallejo. The idea for the celebration originated in Catalonia, Spain, where a rose was traditionally given as a gift for each book sold. It was UNESCO's aim to pay a worldwide tribute to books and authors on this date,

encouraging everyone, and in particular young people, to discover the pleasure of reading and gain a renewed respect for the irreplaceable contributions of those who have furthered the social and cultural progress of humanity. The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the wonders of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own. Millions of book tokens and vouchers are given out by National Book Tokens for children to buy books. More than 14 million, in fact: that's one for nearly every child in the UK. So, ask at your school to find out whether you can get a free token, too.

At my school we're holding a World Book Day festival. This year, students have to come dressed up as a character from their favourite childhood book. I'm going as Pippi Longstocking. I've found a patchwork dress from a charity shop, I've got knee-length socks with boots and pipe cleaners to get my hair to curl upwards. We'll also be holding a book swap where everyone has to bring one book to exchange with someone else.

How will your school be celebrating? I'd love to find out. Leave your comments below. Have fun and enjoy reading!

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- 2 Read the blog and find words with the following meanings.

- a situation in which two events happen at the same time so that you cannot go to or see them both \_\_\_\_\_
- too valuable or special to be replaced \_\_\_\_\_
- an act that is intended to show your respect or admiration for something \_\_\_\_\_
- a person who draws or paints pictures for books \_\_\_\_\_
- happened or appeared for the first time in a particular place or situation \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 What type of activities would you do to celebrate World Book Day? In small groups, plan your own World Book Day event or activity. Promote it to the class and encourage people to come to it. As a class, decide who has the best event and why.