



FOR SUBJECT LEADERS **3**



IN ASSOCIATION WITH



WORLD BOOK DAY

SUMMARY:

How to launch a World Book Day assembly

WORLD BOOK DAY LAUNCH ASSEMBLY

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ASSEMBLY:

- Ask each staff member to provide you with a book that they enjoy and would recommend to children. Make a display of the books in the hall.
- Ask each class to have a discussion about their favourite books. Provide a table for each year group and place these around the periphery of the hall. Ask each class to display their top five favourite books with accompanying cards or post-its summarising why they would recommend them.
- Open the World Book Day website to share with the children.
- Make a list of local bookshops, libraries and events in the area who will be marking World Book Day or will supplement the key message of celebrating reading.

DURING THE ASSEMBLY

- Share some of the book choices around the room and discuss with the children why books are special.
- Select an extract from a recommended book and read this aloud to the children. Stop at a point in the book that will leave the children wanting to hear more. Discuss their thoughts on the extract.
- Explain that the display will remain in a communal area over the course of the week and encourage the children to browse the selections and discuss their favourites with one another.
- Share the World Book Day website, and £1 book tokens and explain that over the course of the week there will be a range of activities to mark and celebrate this day both in school and in the local community.

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATORY ASSEMBLY

Drawing on the class plans and timetable devised in the previous World Book Day-related staff twilight sessions, conduct a planning session with staff to map out the content, structure and length of a celebratory assembly. The structure of the twilight can be as follows:

- Invite the teachers to discuss, confirm and consolidate their plans for World Book Day.
- Use these plans to stimulate discussion about the structure and content of a whole school celebratory assembly.
- Collaboratively plan a whole school assembly as a staff group, involving as many subject areas as possible.
- Agree the programme.

The WBD TV channel at worldbookday.com/wbdtv features a range of video clips that could be used to complement your launch assembly. You could share:

- an age-appropriate book trailer: worldbookday.com/booktrailers-online
 - an author reading from a chosen book: worldbookday.com/videos/adventures-owl-pussycat
 - an author or illustrator talking about their process: worldbookday.com/videos/emily-gravett-drawing-imaginary-girl-imaginary
 - an author talking about specific areas of storywriting: worldbookday.com/storycraft
- You can also find an adaptable ASSEMBLY POWERPOINT PRESENTATION at worldbookday.com/teachers-toolkit