

How you can celebrate World Book Day with your Unit

World Book Day is a fantastic day to celebrate books and stories with young people around the World - In the U.K, we celebrate the day every year on the first Thursday of March, in 2023, this will be celebrated on March 2nd. Many U.K primary schools partake in celebrating this fun day, so why not celebrate at your unit meeting!

Here are some different ideas of how you can celebrate with your units World Book Day week;

Come to your meeting dressed as your favourite book character

Have all your unit members come dressed up as their favourite story-book characters!

You could run a themed evening, for instance, you could run a Roald Dahl themed evening - your unit could dress up as characters from Matilda, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Fantastic Mr Fox, The BFG, or any other character from the World of Roald Dahl!

Hold a story-themed quiz based on popular books for your unit's age!

You could create a quiz based on popular books for your unit's age range - Get into small teams and see who can get the most answers correct! Here are some question ideas;

- What is the world Alice fell into when she fell down the rabbit hole?

A: Wonderland

- What is the name of the Head Teacher in Matilda?

A: Agatha Trunchbull

- Who turns into a blueberry in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory?

A: Violet Beauregarde

- What piece of clothing is used to free Dobby the House Elf?

A: A Sock

- Which author wrote 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'?

A: C. S. Lewis

Have an Arts and Crafts session!

- Create some bookmarks for your group to take home and use in their future reads
- Create puppets with a range of materials and hold a puppet show, allow your unit to create their own stories!

- Use this fantastic tutorial from Hobbycraft to make your own BFG 'Dream Jar' - <https://www.hobbycraft.co.uk/ideas/how-to-make-a-bfg-dream-jar.html>

Host a book themed party!

Host a party themed around your unit's favourite stories! Some ideas include:

- Mad Hatter's Tea Party - you could bring all kinds of fun topsy-turvy treats, from jam tarts to drink me drinks!
- A Harry Potter grand banquet, how about some sorting hat muffins?
- The Tiger who came for Tea, all the scrumptious food from the book, including sandwiches, biscuits and cakes!

Have a Scavenger Hunt!

Hide some cutouts of famous book characters around your meeting place and have your members hunt for them! If you run a unit for older members, how about adding to the challenge by adding some riddles to help them find the characters?

Play a story-book themed Ladders Game!

Following the layout from the classic 'Ladders' game, check out this book-themed version of the game!

How to play: Have all your young members find a partner within the group. Once they have found a partner, have your pairs sit opposite each other forming 2 lines, their legs should be flat against the floor and both partners feet should be together (make sure there's enough room between each pair to avoid injuries!) - Give each pair a word from the list below, once all pairs have a word, read through the story below and when a pair hear their word, they have to jump up and leap over the seated players legs, run around the last pair and back down to their places to sit down!

BOOK - Runs 14 times

LIBRARY - Runs 10 times

BROWNIES* - Runs 12 Times

STORY/STORIES - Runs 10 times

CHARACTERS - Runs 10 Times

*You can change Brownies to Rainbows, Guides or Rangers!

"It was first Thursday in March which meant it was World **BOOK** Day and all the **BROWNIES** at *insert unit here* decided to have their unit meeting at their local **LIBRARY**.

What a fun idea! There were so many **STORIES** to be explored here, and so many **CHARACTERS** to meet! Once everybody arrived at the meeting, the **BROWNIES** decided to have a look around the shelves for a **BOOK** to read.

As the girls searched high and low across the **LIBRARIES'** many shelves, one of the **BROWNIES** found a gigantic **BOOK** full of **CHARACTERS** and so many classic **STORIES!**

As the girls opened the **BOOK**, a bright light came out of the pages! And the next thing the **BROWNIES** knew, were inside one of the **STORIES!**

At the girls tried to figure out which **STORY** they were in, they stumbled upon a cat, "its one of the **CHARACTERS"**, a **BROWNIE** shouted, "its the Cheshire Cat! We're in Wonderland!"

"Are you lost in our **BOOK?"**, asked the striped Cheshire Cat, "Yes" one **BROWNIE** replied, "we were at the **LIBRARY"** and we found your **STORY** in one of the **BOOKS"**. A "Hmm" came from the cat **CHARACTER**, "I recommend you go that way" he said whilst pointing in the direction of music. "Thanks!" Shouted the **BROWNIES**, and off they went.

"I wonder who can help us get back to the **LIBRARY"** one of the girls said as she wondered into a clearing. In front of them was a huge tea party full of all the **STORIES** most beloved **CHARACTERS!** In front of them sat the Mad hatter, the Dormouse, The March hare and Alice herself wearing her beautiful blue dress!

"More guests have arrived" Alice announced. "Alice", one **BROWNIE** said, "We need help getting back to our meeting at the **LIBRARY"**

"We can help you get home" shouted one of the **CHARACTERS**, it was the Mad Hatter "But first, won't you join us for some tea, after all, it is World **BOOK** Day?" He said.

The **BROWNIES** sat at the tea part and told all the **CHARACTERS** about the **BOOK** they found in the **LIBRARY**. How they had opened the book and the **STORY** came to life! Once the tea party had finished, The **CHARACTERS** thanked the **BROWNIES** for joining their tea party, they had had a lovely time meeting them!

As the **STORY CHARACTERS** said their goodbyes, Alice led the **BROWNIES** down a new path to the **LIBRARY** of Wonderland.

In the **LIBRARY** of Wonderland sat a **BOOK** the **BROWNIES** had never seen before, it was a **STORY** about *insert unit here*. "All you have to do is open the **BOOK** and your world will be waiting for you" Alice explained. "Thank you Alice" the **BROWNIES** replied.

The girls huddled around the **BOOK** about their unit, and just as before, a great light came from the pages! Just like that the **BROWNIES** were back at the **LIBRARY** to finish their unit meeting. The rest of the evening was filled with more **BOOKS**, more **STORIES**, and a lot more **CHARACTERS!** Before it was time for the **BROWNIES** to head home, and their World **BOOK** Day adventure at the **LIBRARY** was finished for the year."

Have a unit sleepover at your local library!

Enquire at your local library and see if you can host a unit sleepover there!

When I was a Brownie, we had a sleepover at our local library and it was a fantastic night, we camped out on the carpet surrounded by hundreds of books - where better than a library to immerse yourself for World Book Day?!

Involve the Girlguiding Programme!

You can even add in the Girlguiding Programme to celebrate World Book Day!

- For Rainbows, you could introduce the Book Lover interest badge, see what books your Rainbows choose to review!
- For Brownies, you can 'Catch a Story', 'Sensory Stories' and 'How Many Has' Unit Minute Activities
- For Guides, look at the 'Storytelling Silhouettes' and 'Stor-elay' UMAs
- For Rangers, check out 'Story Rewind' UMA