



World Book Day

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we celebrate **World Book Day**, we are reminded of the wonderful power of stories to spark imagination, build confidence, and nurture creativity in children. Reading and storytelling play a vital role in your child's development, and we are excited to use this occasion to inspire a love of books both in school and at home. Below are some simple and practical tips to help your child become a storyteller, an illustrator, and an enthusiastic reader.

Tips for Helping Your Child Write Their Own Story

Writing a story can feel like a big task, but breaking it down into small steps can make it fun and manageable for your child.

1. Start with a simple idea

- Who is the main character?
- Where does the story take place?
- What problem does the character need to solve?

Encourage imaginative ideas - a dragon who is afraid of the dark, a superhero who loses their powers, or even a talking pet!

2. Use a clear beginning, middle and end

- **Beginning:** Introduce the character and setting.
- **Middle:** Present a problem or adventure.
- **End:** Solve the problem and wrap up the story.

3. Add descriptive details

Ask your child:

- What can the character see, hear, or feel?
- How does the character feel during the adventure?

4. Celebrate their work

Let them read their story aloud to the family. You could even create a special “author’s chair” moment at home!

Tips for Becoming an Illustrator

Illustrations bring stories to life and help children express their creativity.

1. Draw the characters clearly

Encourage your child to think about:

- What does the character look like?
- What are they wearing?
- What facial expressions show their feelings?

2. Add background details

The setting helps tell the story - is it a jungle, outer space, a castle, or your own living room?

3. Use colour thoughtfully

Colours can show mood - bright colours for happy scenes, darker shades for mysterious moments.

4. Create a book cover

A title, the author’s name (your child!), and an exciting picture make the story feel complete.

Tips to Encourage Reading at Home

Developing a love of reading is one of the greatest gifts we can give our children.

1. Make reading part of the daily routine

Even 5–10 minutes a day makes a big difference.

2. Let your child choose books

Whether it’s comics, fact books, fairy tales, or joke books - choice builds motivation.

3. Read together

Take turns reading pages or characters. Listening to stories read aloud builds vocabulary and comprehension.

4. Talk about the story

Ask questions like:

- What was your favourite part?
- How do you think the character felt?
- What do you think will happen next?

5. Visit the library

Regular library visits can make reading feel like an exciting adventure.

World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate stories, creativity, and imagination. Thank you for your continued support in nurturing confident readers and writers. Together, we can help every child discover the joy of books.

If your child creates their own story or illustrations at home, we would love to see them!

Warm Regards,

The White Horse Federation

