

World Book Day: Celebrate the Magic of Stories!

Learning objective: To understand the importance of World Book Day and practise reading comprehension skills by exploring Pip the caterpillar's favourite literary traditions.

Read the passage about Pip's World Book Day celebration and answer the questions below to test your understanding.

World Book Day is a special time of year when we celebrate the joy of reading. Pip the caterpillar spends the whole day curled up on a giant leaf with a pile of books. This year, Pip has decided to dress up as a famous explorer from a historical story. Pip believes that every book is a doorway to a new world. 'When I open a book,' Pip says, 'I can travel to the moon, dive into the deep blue sea, or visit ancient civilisations, all without moving an inch!' At school, the children are bringing in their favourite books to swap with friends. They are also taking part in a competition to design a new book cover. It is a day filled with excitement, sharing stories, and discovering new words.

Word bank: imagination · character · adventure · favourite · celebrate · tradition · literary

1. Why does Pip believe that reading a book is like travelling to different places? (2 marks)

2. List two activities that the children are doing at school to celebrate World Book Day. (2 marks)

3. In your own words, explain why Pip thinks World Book Day is an important celebration. (2 marks)

4. Find and copy one adjective from the passage that describes the sea. (1 mark)

5. If you were going to swap a book with a friend, which book would you choose and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar dressed up as your favourite type of book character. Be sure to add colourful details to their outfit!



Extension challenge: Write a short poem, no longer than four lines, about why you love reading. Try to include at least two words from the word bank.