

A Magical World Book Day

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and make simple inferences about a character's feelings.

Read the story about Pip the caterpillar below, then answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

It was finally World Book Day at the Woodland School. Pip the caterpillar was very excited. Pip loved reading more than anything else in the world. He had spent all week deciding which character to dress up as. In the end, he chose to be a brave space explorer. He made a helmet out of a shiny silver foil tray and a cape from a scrap of blue fabric. When he arrived at school, he saw his friend Zara the zebra. Zara had dressed as a bright, colourful artist with a paintbrush tucked behind her ear. The classroom was filled with books of all shapes and sizes. Their teacher, a wise old owl, read a story about a hidden treasure map. Pip sat on his leaf, listening carefully. He imagined he was sailing across a deep blue ocean, searching for gold. For Pip, World Book Day was the perfect chance to jump into a new adventure without even leaving his classroom chair. He felt so happy to be surrounded by his friends and their wonderful, dusty old books.

Word bank: celebration · imagination · costume · favourite · adventure · discovery

1. What costume did Pip decide to wear for World Book Day? (1 mark)

2. What did Zara the zebra dress up as? (1 mark)

3. How do we know that Pip enjoys reading? (2 marks)

4. Why was the classroom a good place for Pip to be on this day? (2 marks)

5. If you could dress up as any book character for World Book Day, who would you choose and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar in his space explorer costume, reading a book inside the classroom.



Extension challenge: Write a short list of three books you would like to read if you were spending the day in a library.