

Zara's World Book Day Story Map

Learning objective: To express personal responses to stories and describe characters through drawing and emergent writing.

Help the children fill in this template to celebrate their favourite story. Zara the zebra loves patterns and art, so encourage the children to use bright colours and clear shapes to show their ideas. Read each section aloud and help them write their thoughts or draw their favourite parts of a book.

Word bank: character · favourite · exciting · funny · adventure · story · happy · brave · kind

1. Book Title: What is the name of your favourite book? You can draw the front cover here.

2. My Favourite Character: Who is the person or animal in the story that you like the best?

3. Why I Like Them: Is the character kind, funny, or very brave? Tell us why they are special.

4. The Best Part: What happened in the most exciting part of the story? Draw a picture of it.

5. My Rating: How many gold stars would you give this book? Colour in your stars below.

Extension challenge: Ask the children to tell a friend one thing they would change about the story if they were the author. Perhaps the main character could go on a new adventure to the moon or find a hidden treasure chest worth £5!