

A Celebration of Stories with Pip

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and use inference to understand the purpose and emotional impact of World Book Day.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below, ensuring you use evidence from the passage to support your points.

Every year, the library at Oakwood Primary transforms into a bustling hub of excitement for World Book Day. Pip the caterpillar, who serves as the school's honorary reading ambassador, spends weeks preparing for the event. This year, the theme focuses on 'The Magic of Discovery,' encouraging pupils to explore genres they have never picked up before. Pip has been busy organising a book swap, where children can trade their pre-loved stories for new adventures.

'Reading is not just about decoding words,' Pip explains, wiggling with excitement. 'It is about travelling to distant lands without leaving your chair.' During the day, classrooms hold 'drop everything and read' sessions, where even the teachers put down their pens to lose themselves in a good book. The highlight for many is the costume parade, where pupils dress as characters from their favourite novels to bring stories to life. By the end of the day, the library shelves are buzzing with new energy, and every child leaves with a renewed passion for the written word. It is a day that proves how a simple book can unite an entire community.

Word bank: literary · imagination · celebration · narrative · enthusiastic · community

1. What is the specific theme for World Book Day at Oakwood Primary this year? (1 mark)

2. What activity does Pip organise to help children find new books to read? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think the author mentions that teachers participate in the 'drop everything and read' sessions? (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, what does Pip believe is the main benefit of reading? (2 marks)

5. Do you think dressing up as a character is an effective way to celebrate World Book Day? Justify your opinion. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene inside the Oakwood Primary library during the costume parade, showing Pip the caterpillar wearing a tiny reading hat and surrounded by children dressed as their favourite book characters.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are hosting a World Book Day event in your own classroom. Write a short plan of three activities you would include to encourage your classmates to read more often.