



World Book Day is Thoughtful Thursday at

Cottenham Village College
4 March 2021



What is 'Thoughtful Thursday' for?

Thoughtful Thursday is going to work in a similar way to Wonderful Wednesday which took place before the half-term break. There are a number of very good reasons to pause timetabled lessons for the day and to engage in other types of learning and education. Firstly, it is World Book Day and we want to offer you the opportunity to mark this event; secondly, we now know that all of us are returning to the school site from Monday 8 March and so we are offering you some time to read the guidance on how and when you will return to school as well as to make sure you are up to date and can prepare, ready for your return to school and the classroom. This time means you can arrive back at school ready to make the most of face-to-face teaching with your teachers. Finally, we want to continue to offer you an afternoon away from your screens, so this day includes your weekly 'step away from the screen' hour.

World Book Day: 4 March 2021

You should have seen **Miss Parker's assembly** for this week which is all about reading and books to mark World Book Day (if not, here is the link again: <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/98e979e7-7a65-47c6-b398-6a2a5e77bcf5>). World Book Day is a celebration of reading, authors, illustrators and books. We know how vital reading is for us, for a very wide range of reasons, not least that it makes us think, challenges us, teaches us things and makes us more interesting people! This year's theme for the day is 'share a story'. We want to give you time to allow you to mark World Book Day, to reflect on the importance of sharing stories and books: this document offers you some activities that you can choose to do to celebrate and mark this international event!

You also have a voucher worth £1 that you can spend on a book. There are a range of titles which are £1 only until Sunday 28 March 2021, or you can put it towards a book not included in this offer. Here is the link to your digital World Book Day token: https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_SecondaryUK.pdf

How will it work?

You must complete the steps below. There are alternative activities for today, but you cannot start these until you have completed this 4-step challenge. The only exception to this is so that you can plan for an hour of physical activity e.g., gardening, a walk, a cycle. Consider the weather forecast for today and make sure you make the most of the weather for getting outside.

Step 1

Spend time reading the guidance information on how and when you will return to school. This information is in the Parent and Pupil booklet which is being sent home this week.

Step 2

Mark World Book Day by engaging with reading and activities for **a minimum of 1 hour and up to 3 hours** (how much time you spend on this part of your day will depend on how much you need to do to prepare for your return to school next week; however, **at least 1 hour of today should be spent engaging with World Book Day**).

There are a number of activities detailed on the next page for you to choose from that are designed to celebrate books and reading.

Step 3

In preparation for your return to school, **make sure you have 'Turned In' all pieces of work** your teachers have asked from you on Teams (or handed in work in other ways if your teacher has asked you to do so e.g. email). For example, completed the quiz on Forms, attached your picture/piece of music/script/essay, responded to feedback.

Step 4 (for KS4 GCSE groups only)

Check whether you have **revision activities** that you regularly complete for examination subjects. Complete revision. (e.g. Seneca for science, kaboodle for RE, 'Hegarty Maths' for mathematics or moodle quizzes for history.)

If it gets to lunchtime and you are still preparing – **STOP**. Use your afternoon to do something else active and to 'Step Away from the Screen'.

World Book Day activities

Here are some suggestions for things you can do to celebrate and mark World Book Day. We hope you enjoy some of these. You can, of course, choose from this wide selection. We want you to choose something you would enjoy, so just select the ones that most interest you.

1. Read a book!

It might be an old favourite, one that you love to return to or something you have been meaning to pick up and start for ages. If you want access to free books online, then <https://www.gutenberg.org/> has access to over 60,000 free e-books. You could also try Audible: https://stories.audible.com/discovery/enterprise-discovery-21122354011?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_ds_dccs_sbtp-0-4. A reading list is available on the school website, in case you want any suggestions:

2. Where in the world?

Use your imagination... Take a picture of yourself reading somewhere unique or interesting (in a Covid-safe way) and share with us! Or 'fake it' it with Photoshop and show where, in a post-lockdown world, you would like to be reading a book!

3. Judge a book by its cover!

Forget the old saying, 'never judge a book by its cover'... Create a famous book cover or key moment from a book and take a picture and share it (like the wonderfully imaginative recreations of famous artwork that took place in Lockdown 1).

4. Magic, fantasy and fairy tales from the British Library

Visit the British Library website (<https://www.bl.uk/>) for a range of fantastic reading and activities including:

- [Go Deeper: Fables and fairy tales, myth and reality](#) - Fairy tales and folktales are so much more than entertainment. They reflect our history and culture, our fears and our dreams. When did we start to write them down and how have they changed over time?
- Create your own fantastical fairy tale character – check out these links: [Viviane Schwarz: How to develop a character](#) and [Viviane Schwarz: How to find out more about your character](#)
- Harry Potter and the History of Magic – check out these links for some Harry Potter-themed reading and fun:
 - [Explore the wonders of the British Library Exhibition](#)
 - [10 Strange Facts about the History of Magic](#)
 - [The Bewitching Collection of The Museum of Witchcraft & Magic](#) - from broomsticks to crystal balls, it's got it all!
 - [The wizarding world brought to life](#) - colourful portraits and scenes from Jim Kay
 - [Jim Kay On Drawing The Boy Who Lived](#) - The illustrator discusses his work on the latest editions of the Harry Potter books
 - [Skills for the Modern Wizard](#) - 4 lessons in muggle magic

5. Listen to author podcasts

Listen to a favourite author discuss their craft. Author Talks are available free from the Scottish Book Trust at [Authors Live on Demand](#). Highlights include: Charlie Higson, David Walliams, Jacqueline Wilson, Juno Dawson, Malorie Blackman Patrick Ness and Michael Morpurgo.

6. Get competitive!

There are a number of activities suggested to celebrate World Book Day on their website (<https://www.worldbookday.com/>), including a competition. You could win £100 worth of books in the DESIGN A BOOK TOKEN competition. The winner's design will be made into a real-life National Book Tokens gift card, to be distributed across bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas! And there are National Book Tokens galore to be won too. There are 2 relevant categories: 9-12 years (for Year 7 pupils) and 13-16 years (for Year 8-11 pupils). All entries should be produced on A4 paper using the template at this link (<https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/NBT-comp-2021.pdf>). Send any entries to Miss Fisher and we will enter your design. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 24th March 2021 so we can submit them before the Easter holidays.

Step-Away Thursday!

You've just switched off the computer after a long day of remote learning and then turned the TV or games console on... Let's face it, it's all too easy to spend too many hours a day in front of a screen, especially during lockdown. We know from feedback from parents, pupils and staff that being able to step away from the screen a little more would be a healthy move. We are encouraging all our pupils to do so on Wednesday after period 4, we would like pupils to go and do something else instead. Below is a list of suggestions to inspire you. We hope you enjoy the afternoon (but obviously don't break the current lockdown rules!) and let us know how you spend the time.

Get Active!

Go for a walk, run, or cycle for 60 minutes

Do some yoga or pilates

Play a sport (that does not break the lockdown rules!)

Put some music on (and dance like no-one is watching!)

The Great Lockdown Bake Off

Bake something for your family

Plan and cook a meal for your family

Then wash up!

Get Creative

Learn to sew, knit or crochet

Paint or draw a picture [on the theme of 'freedom']

Compose or perform a piece of music or write a song

Take some photos [on theme of 'natural']

Recreate a famous work of art by dressing up and taking a photo

Reading and Writing

Find a quiet spot to read (or listen to) a good book

Write a story [on the theme of 'escape!']

Write a letter (on paper!) to a friend or family member and post it

Start a journal or scrapbook, so you can look back on this time later

Write a poem about something or someone that inspires you

Explore the Outdoors

Grow your own: plant something, indoors or outdoors

Help tidy up the garden ready for spring

Take part in the *Big Garden Birdwatch* by spending an hour counting all the birds you see in your garden and then tell the RSPB what you saw (see website)

Bob the Builder

Make a 'marble run' (out of scraps of card, egg cartons, kitchen roll holder, etc.)

Get that old Lego out and enjoy it once more

Build a den, inside or outside

Make a 'bug hotel' or a bird box (you might need an adult to help!)