

key stage one activities

To build on this year's Children's Book Week theme of **words and pictures** the following ideas can be used with Key Stage 1 pupils. The focus has been kept deliberately simple to be accessible and fun for even the youngest children.

Rogues' gallery

Choose a selection of picture books to share with the class. Talk about how the illustrations help the reader to understand how the different characters are feeling. Show the children plenty of examples, asking them to identify the mood suggested by different pictures.

Ask the children to adopt different facial expressions:

- sad
- happy
- excited
- angry
- worried
- furious
- delighted
- frightened

Take photographs of the children's different expressions to mount in a really fun wall display in the classroom. Give each photo a caption, hidden under a flap so that the children can guess each other's expressions.



Instant words and pictures display

Create an easy and effective classroom talking point for Children's Book Week.

- Select a range of illustrations from books the children are reading which use colour in different ways.
- Ask the children to suggest a variety of words to describe the colours in each picture.
- Make a big wall display of the colourful illustrations, each one surrounded by the children's descriptive words.

As an additional display idea use this activity in the same way, focusing instead on describing the emotions of characters from the books rather than colours.

Creative writing

Expand on the above task by asking the children to create their own text to accompany pictures from an existing book, to make the story their own.

- Choose a simple picture book. It could be completely wordless, e.g. *Johnny's Bad Day* by Edward Ardizzone. Alternatively it could be one with only a few lines of basic text, e.g. *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins.
- Show the children the pictures. Talk about what they think is happening on each page.
- Ask the children to rewrite the story in their own words. To help them get started, ask them to pretend they are telling the story shown in the pictures, to a younger child.
- Make a quick and easy classroom display by mounting the book on the wall, surrounded by the children's text.

Children's Book Week 2009 takes place from 5-11 October but your school can celebrate reading for pleasure at any time of the year. For more information visit www.childrensbookweek.org.uk

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