



# WORLD BOOK DAY FOR EVERY LANGUAGE

Over **1 in 5** learners use English as an Additional Language (EAL) — your classroom is full of stories waiting to be shared on World Book Day and beyond. Tap into the rich cultural and linguistic diversity at your fingertips to value everyone’s identity and heritage and support a true sense of belonging.

“When children read in more than one language, they are not dividing their literacy — they are expanding it.” — Jim Cummins

## GETTING READY



Ask parents to share books in all the languages they read at home.



Display multilingual and dual language books representing different cultures.



Invite parents to share stories in their language, with your class.



Invite multilingual authors and illustrators to talk to your class about how they create and write stories.



Invite your local librarian to talk to families about how to use the library and to share information about their books.



Prepare a simple guide for families to explain what World Book day is, and how they can help their children to participate. Share any dressing up items, story props, puppets or hats with labels to help with costumes.

## ON WORLD BOOK DAY



Encourage learners to bring in a book or other text, including digital, in a language they read.



Ask multilingual learners to read or tell a story in their language so that they are seen as the language experts.



Pair multilingual learners with a peer who shares an interest in the same story or character, to read together or participate in an activity together.



Include families in key activities on the day.

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