



**Bookmark
Reading Charity**

A Sprinkle of Magic Inspiration Pack

TEACHER GUIDE

What is an Inspiration Pack?

Bookmark's Inspiration Pack is a PDF Document linked to the theme of each term's Book Rocket Pack. Designed to promote and embed a culture of whole school reading for pleasure, the Inspiration Pack includes two whole school assembly plans, a whole school reading competition and a whole class reading activity with supporting resources. The pack provide actionable ideas and engaging activities for your school to get the most out of Bookmark's Book Rocket Pack.

How can I use the pack?

We recommend that you use the Inspiration Pack throughout the School Term. Once the school has received the term's Bookmark Book Rocket Pack, the Inspiration Pack can be followed in the order of each activity. There are instructions and teacher notes within the PDF that offer further support for staff using the resources.



Hook assembly plan

Objectives

- To introduce the term's Bookmark Book Rocket Pack to the whole school
- To create a reading community within the school
- To promote and encourage whole-school reading for pleasure

Preparation and resources

Before the assembly:

- Set up based on the assembly starter you have chosen (see below)
- Select 2-3 books from the Rocket Pack for the main focus tasks (see below)
- Have printed copies for each class of the instructions for the Bookmark Mystery Reader Challenge

Introduction

Introduce the whole school to this term's Bookmark Book Rocket Pack by choosing one of the following assembly starters:

1. Have the Rocket Pack Box under a cloth and on display whilst pupils walk into the assembly. Explain that the school has received a mystery package. Ask pupils: What do you think this mystery package could be? Pupils can discuss first with the person next to them. Pick several pupils to share their ideas.
2. Start your assembly as normal but choose a member of staff to 'interrupt' the assembly with an 'important delivery for the school'. Explain that the school has received an exciting delivery. Ask pupils: What do you think this delivery could be? Pupils can discuss first with the person next to them. Pick several pupils to share their ideas.
3. Display an image of an illustration or page from one of the books from the Rocket Pack. Depending on the book you have selected, have related music or a soundscape playing whilst pupils walk into the assembly. Additionally, depending on the book you have selected, have related objects displayed whilst pupils walk into the assembly.

Main focus

1. Explain to pupils that we have received an exciting book delivery from Bookmark Reading Charity – Bookmark's Book Rocket Pack! Say that each class will have the chance to read the books throughout the term and take part in a fun reading competition!
2. Explore the 2-3 books that you have chosen using the following activities:
 - Display image(s) from one of the books without displaying the book title. Get pupils to describe what is happening in the image and predict what they think the book is about, with the person sitting next to them. Pick several pupils across the school to share their thoughts. You can also use this as an opportunity to share your own predictions with pupils.
 - Display an image of the front cover of one of the books, but have the front illustration covered and only the title displayed. Ask pupils: What could this book be about? What questions do you have about this book? Pupils can discuss with the person sitting next to them. Pick several pupils across the school to share their thoughts. You can also use this as an opportunity to share your own predictions with pupils.
 - Drama Activity – Display image(s) from one of the books. Ask pupils: Show me how this image makes you feel? How would you feel if you were in this situation? What do you think x is currently feeling? Get pupils to create a 'feelings freeze frame' based on their answers to the questions. You can also pick several children as volunteers to come up to the front and act out how they think the character in the story might be feeling.

End

Explain to the children that they will now have the chance to look at the books in more depth in their own classes, over the next few weeks.

Introduce this term's whole school reading challenge: Bookmark's Mystery Reader Challenge

Share that we have an exciting whole school reading competition this term - Bookmark's Mystery Reader Challenge! Take a few minutes to run through the instructions for this challenge and reveal that there will be a winner. See 'Notes for teachers' on the next page.



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Bookmark's termly school reading challenge:

Mystery Reader Challenge

What is the challenge?

Consider yourself a good detective? Several members of staff at your school have been pictured reading their favourite books from the Rocket Pack but their faces are covered. Your challenge is to work out who each person is!

Who can enter?

Year 1 – Year 6.

What will we need?

The pictures of your school's mystery readers.

A record card.



How will this work?

The pictures of your school's mystery readers will be numbered and displayed in the school.

Take some time to inspect the images carefully and fill out the record card. You must write the number of the picture and the staff member's name next to it.

Please hand in your completed record card to your class teacher by

The challenge winners will be announced in our Reading Celebration Assembly on

Note for teachers:

Please utilise this resource in whichever way works best for the needs of your individual class and the pupils in it, whether this is presented as an in-class activity, an intervention activity, or a homework activity.

You can organise a prize for the winner, if you wish. We recommend book related prizes such as a book voucher or a personalised bookmark. You could also make certificates for the winner.



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Bookmark's book blanket activity:

Book Recommendation Form

Who is this for?

KS1 and KS2.

Resources:

Bookmark's Book Rocket Pack – Books with a Sprinkle of Magic

A selection of books from the school's library

Book Recommendation Form

Objective:

To explore this term's Bookmark Book Rocket Pack.

Starter

Spread out a selection of books, from the Book Rocket Pack and the School's Library, so that several tables in your classroom are covered. Offer pupils the chance to explore the books and facilitate an informal class discussion.

You can use these questions as prompts:

Find a book you think you would enjoy. Why do you think you will enjoy it?

Find a book you don't think you would enjoy. Why don't you think you will enjoy it?

Main Activity

After the class discussion, give pupils the opportunity to select a book(s) of their choice (pupils can work in pairs, small groups or individually) and spend 10 minutes reading through it. Pupils can discuss the book together or read aloud.

Independent Activity

Now that pupils have had an opportunity to explore some of the books, they must complete the 'Book Recommendation Form'.

Pupils must select a book from the Book Rocket Pack and choose a person they would recommend this book to, explaining the reason for their choice.

End

Select several pupils to share their book recommendations to the class.

Note for teachers:

Use this activity to circulate this term's Bookmark Book Rocket Pack across each class. Please utilise this resource in whichever way works best for the needs of your individual class and the pupils in it, whether this is presented as an in-class activity, an intervention activity, or a homework activity.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION FORM (KS1)

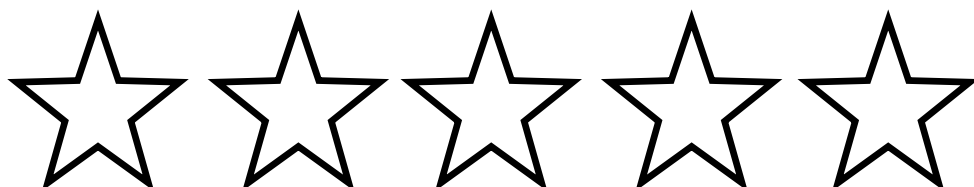
Draw a picture of the book in the box below.



I would recommend this book to

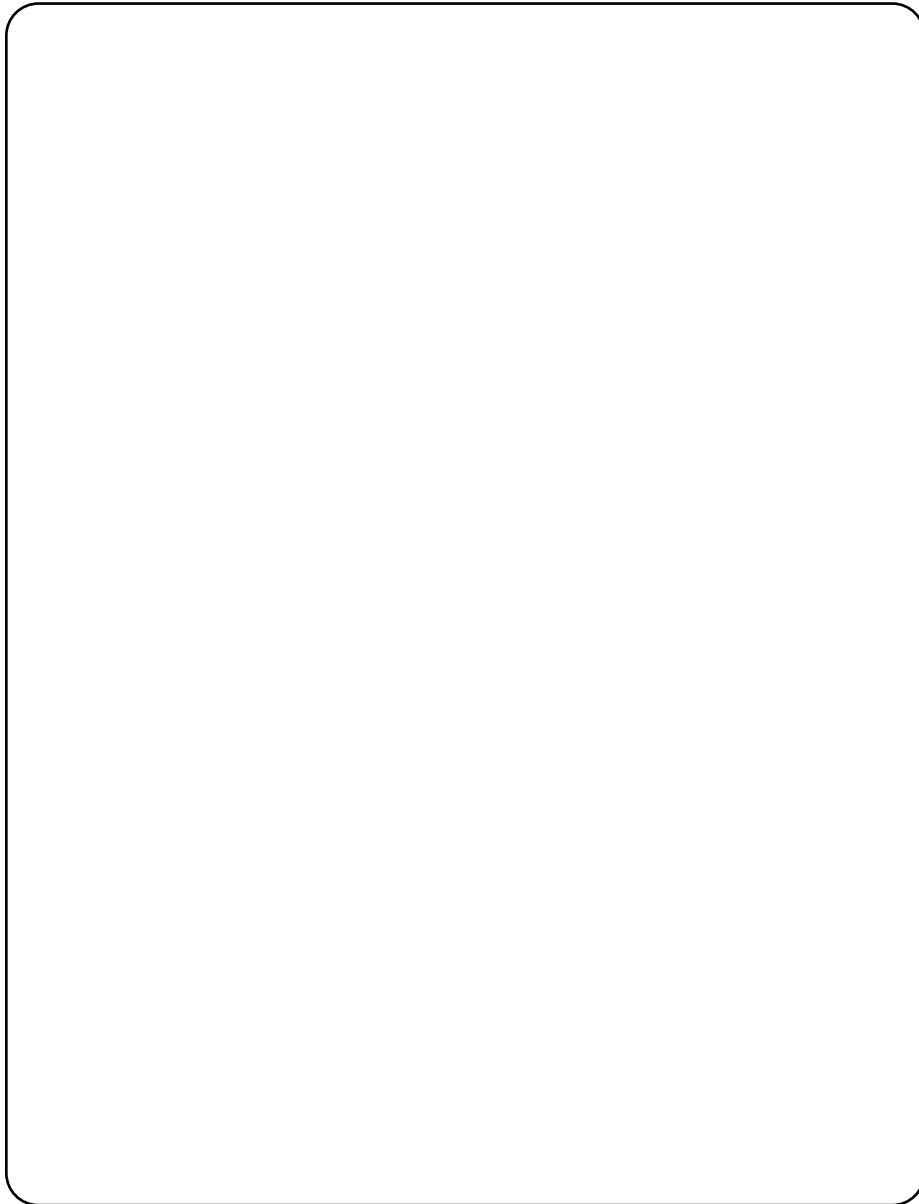
because

How many stars would you rate this book?



BOOK RECOMMENDATION FORM (KS2)

Draw the book cover in the box below



Who would you recommend this book to?

Why have you recommended it?

How many stars would you rate this book?



Explain your rating:

Reading celebration (end of block) assembly plan

Objectives

- To celebrate the school's reading achievements from the Term
- To maintain whole school engagement in reading for pleasure
- To announce the winners of the School's Reading Challenge

Preparation and resources

Before the assembly:

- Each class must vote on their favourite book from this term's Bookmark Book Rocket Pack
- Each class Teacher/Teaching Assistant must vote separately on their favourite book from this term's Bookmark Book Rocket Pack
- Have two separate lists of the book titles that earned the highest number of votes from staff and pupils
- Have the faces of the teachers and their favourite Rocket Pack book ready to reveal

Introduction

Wrap up the term's Bookmark Book Rocket Pack theme by asking pupils the following questions:

- Can anyone remember what this term's Book Rocket Pack theme was?
- Can you remember any specific books from the pack?

Ask pupils the following questions about reading for pleasure. Pupils can discuss with the person sitting next to them and then you can pick several pupils to share their answers. It is important in this discussion for you or other members of staff to share their answers to these questions:

- How does reading make you feel?
- Why is reading important?

Main focus

1. Explain to the children that they have had the opportunity to vote on their favourite Rocket Pack book this week. Say that in today's assembly we are going to reveal the books with the highest votes.
2. Ask several pupils to predict which books they think were the most popular and explain their prediction.
3. Reveal the books that had the highest scores among each class. Ask different pupils from each class the following:
 - Who voted for this book? Why?
 - What did you like the most about this book?
 - Who didn't vote for this book? Why?
 - What would make this book better?

4. Game: Match the book to the teacher!

Explain to the children that the teachers also had a chance to vote on their favourite book from this term's Rocket Pack. Say that we are now going to play a game where the children will need to match the books to the teacher that they think voted for them.

See 'Notes for teachers' on next page.

5. Spend a moment at the end of the game for a few of the teachers to share their reasoning for why they chose a specific book.
6. Ask Pupils: Do you agree with Miss/Mr/Mrs _____? Why/Why not?

End

Explain to the children that you are now going to announce the winners (and/or runners up) from Bookmark's Mystery Reader Challenge and hand out the prizes (if applicable).

Notes for teachers:

This assembly is designed to celebrate whole school reading for pleasure! You can also use the assembly to share other reading achievements from this term, from each class or individual pupils.

Game: Match the teacher to the book!

Below are examples of how you can run this assembly game:

- Have each class teacher that voted stand at the front holding the book that they did not vote for. Pick several children as volunteers to come up and physically match each book to the teacher. Reveal the correct answer by getting the teachers to swap or keep the books that they picked.
- Have an image of each book cover displayed and ask pupils to vote on which teacher they think picked each book, by raising their hands.

