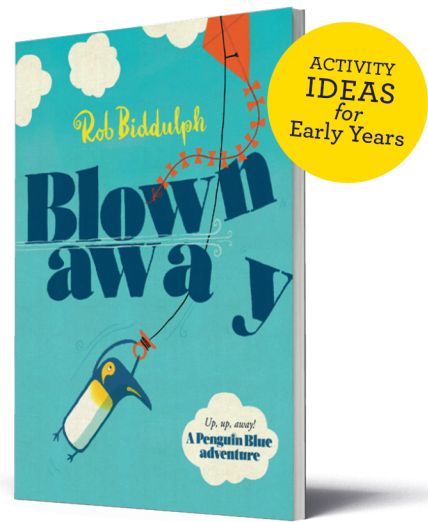


WORLD BOOK DAY IDEAS



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PREPARATION

Costume ideas

- Encourage children to come dressed as penguins. Children could wear black and white clothes, make and wear a headband with a paper beak and maybe carry a paper kite too.
- **Optional activity:** Children could be encouraged to donate £1 to dress up, to fundraise for Book Aid International bookaid.org/worldbookday

Things that could be set up in a classroom

- Set up a role-play polar regions explorer area. Add copies of *Blown Away* and other polar region-themed stories and non-fiction texts, photos or toys of polar region animals, a large paper kite, some numbered clouds, an arrow point to the jungle and paper and pencils to draw the animals seen.
- Decorate another area as the jungle the animals visit, including a large cardboard box or a small inflatable boat, as seen in the story as well as pictures or toys of the jungle animals with paper leaves, vines, trees and flower pictures.

THE DAY ITSELF

Start of the Day

- Introduce what World Book Day is to the children and read *Blown Away* together. Encourage the children to listen carefully to the story, look at the illustrations and listen to/identify the rhyming words.
- After reading the story, encourage the children to talk about their favourite parts and why they like them.

Morning activity ideas

- Create a story map to show the story events. Draw simple representations of the story events showing the new characters that join on holding the kite, the jungle and how the characters get back to home using the boat, leaves and vines.
- Provide a range of materials for children to use to make their own kites. Talk about the different materials and why they would be good/unsuitable to use for kite-building. Encourage the children to decorate and build their kites and then test them outside.

Lunch/snack time ideas

- Make kite sandwiches using fillings of the children's choice and then cut diagonally to create small triangles and arranged in a kite shape. Cut string cheese into thin strips for the tail and decorate with triangles/pieces of tomato/carrot for the ribbon bows.
- Decorate chocolate biscuits to look like penguins! Make some simple chocolate biscuits and use icing/a white chocolate button for a white tummy with a small orange sweet for the beak and feet, icing for eyes and chocolate buttons for wings.

Afternoon activity ideas

- Provide a range of pictures/small toys of the different animals in the story. Challenge children to sort the animals into groups based on whether they live in polar regions or the jungle.
- Provide a range of junk modelling equipment and encourage the children to create a boat to get the animals back home. What materials to use? How to join them together? How to make it move? A large water tray could be provided to test their models to see if they float.

To end the day

- Perform the story for another class, visitor or a friend. Encourage the children to retell the story using the story map and add actions or sound effects to enhance their retelling.

HOME LEARNING

- Encourage children to tell the story to someone at home and talk about their favourite part.
- Children could find out some facts about penguins or the polar regions to share with the group.
- Encourage parents to visit their local bookshop with their children to redeem their £1 World Book Day book token if they have one, to get a FREE World Book Day book.