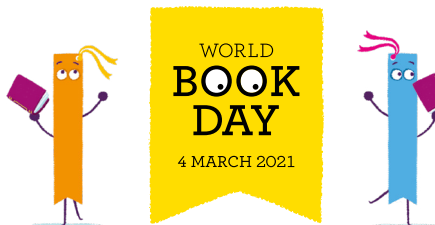


**YOU WILL NEED:**

- Book tagging template
- Paper Chain
- Pens and or other materials to decorate
- Scissors
- Glue or tape



A recommended reads activity

# World Book Day paper chains

Work with your friends to make connections between your favourite books and find your next great read whilst creating a beautiful World Book Day decoration.

## For Schools

- Pick a book you have enjoyed and would recommend to a friend. Write it down on the book cover on the template sheet.
- Think about a time when someone recommended a book to you – what was it that made that person think you would like that book?
- Share your thoughts – they might include theme/genre/personal interest/enjoyed a book by a similar author etc.
- For KS2+ – introduce or discuss book tagging on recommendation websites (by author, theme and keywords) to create recommendations.
- Invite the children to write a set of ‘tags’ for the book that they want to recommend – maybe modelling this with your choice.

### Now to make the chain:

- First decorate a paperchain strip with your book on it.
- Now for the tricky bit – getting all the books in the chain – ask the children to join their books to each other using the tags they thought of.
- For more experienced readers you give the class strips to smaller groups challenging them to include every book.
- Stick the chain together and hang it up.

### TOP TIPS:

1. Keep the strips flat until you're happy with the order.
2. If you want to remember the link write it on the back of the strip.
3. Paper chains don't just have to be a straight line – see how many loops and crazy directions you can send your chain in.
4. Your tagging sheets will make a good recommendations book in your reading area.

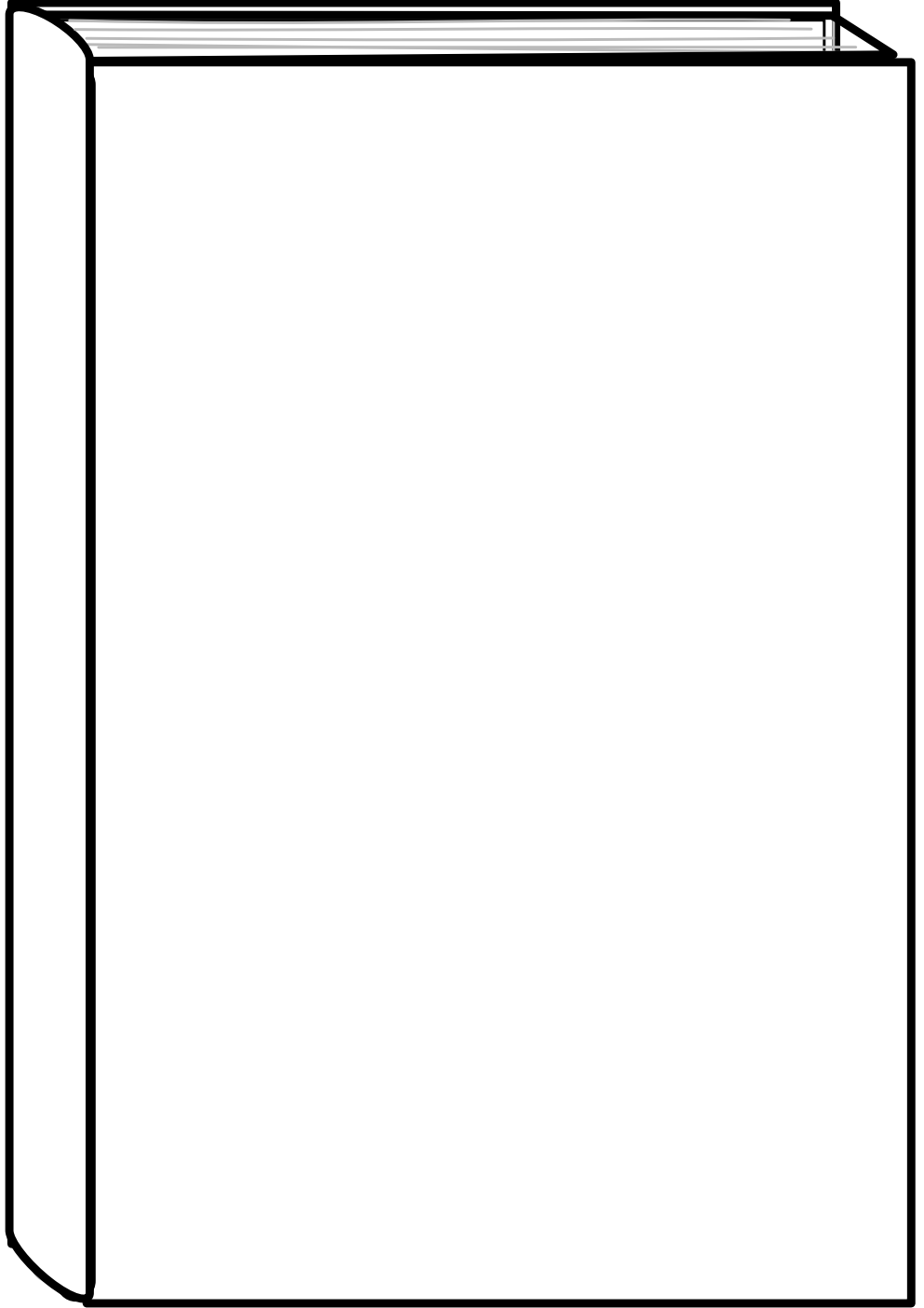
## Book Clubs/Individuals

- Decorate as many of the paper chain book strips as you can with your favourite books.
- Cut out the strips and see if you can build a chain with links from one book to another – can you find a way to connect them all?
- If you need to head in a different direction or return to a book already in the chain, you can connect them in a different direction – you could even rejoin this chain to the main one later with a clever connection.
- Once you are happy that you've included all the books, build the chain by making one complete link with your first book and then threading each new strip through before sticking that to create the chain.
- Hang your bookchain.

If you enjoyed this look at our librarian recommendations for the World Book Day books [worldbookday.com/books](http://worldbookday.com/books) – have you read any of these? We'd love to see your finished chains – please share them [@WorldBookDayUK](https://twitter.com/WorldBookDayUK)

# Book tagging worksheet

Collect your recommendation information on this sheet by filling in the cover with your book recommendation and then completing the tags with the features of the book that support your recommendation.



# Paper chain worksheet

Decorate the strips below with your book – make it as colourful as possible. Decide which book you will start with and make that link into a circle by sticking one end to the other. Thread your next book through the first link and then stick together and continue until you have a chain.

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