

My Book Project

(Hints and Tips for the Schools' Co-ordinator)

Turn it into a whole school project (depending on the size of your school) or create a fun competition for the children to enter! If you have a large school you could create a book per class, year group or key learning stage. Involve the teaching staff – different lessons could be used to create a fun and exciting way to teach children about nutrition (for a cook book) or literacy for poetry and short story books. If the children type up the work themselves, they are also reinforcing and learning ICT skills! Get the Art department involved and pack the book full of drawings.

Engage the children in creating recipes, poems or stories as a whole class or at home with their families. Hands on cooking (getting mucky and playing with food!) is a great way to learn – plus an important life skill! Get them drawing bold and bright illustrations to accompany their work. They can tie the stories or poems in with the work they are doing in class, or use the artwork they are learning about in art class as inspiration for their poetry and short stories.

Ensure your project co-ordinators/teaching staff know they are to submit the childrens work to you in a word document – so you don't have to re-type the entire schools work! You can then simply combine the work into one single word or PDF document to send to us.

Theme your books – go for different cultures for different year groups, or divide years into starters, mains and sweets! Work with the teaching staff to create books containing work that the children are studying at school – various literary styles, artists or authors could be used.

You set the sale price for the books, and therefore the profit made – don't forget to include this in your literature to parents. Let them know what you're raising funds for and what your fundraising target is. Get them engaged and excited to be a part of it!

Don't forget to Advertise! Use our posters around school, put notes in your newsletters and on school websites so parents know about the project. Whet their appetites!!

Artwork Hints & Tips

What works well:

Bold bright colours & designs using paint
Collage with varying textures
Sponge painting
Felt Tips
Close guidance and support whilst the art is in progress.

What doesn't work so well:

Pencil Drawing
Glitter (PLEASE ENSURE GLITTER IS NOT USED)
Charcoal
Chalk and Pastels
Using Tippex
Leaving the children to complete art independently.