

BOOKSPARKS CARDS

A tool for supporting informal booktalk and for building pupils' confidence when browsing for, and choosing, books of their own to take home.

Children's
Book
Project



These carefully created cards in conjunction with our books are designed to support a book gifting event at your school this term. The majority of children will be able to access the cards independently, using them to explore the books, identifying those that appeal.

Tried and tested ways in which your children could be invited to use the cards with your books to engage in meaningful book-talk with peers follow below. You are seeking to give children the tools and confidence to browse independently and infer from the covers of books those that appeal to them.

HOW MIGHT YOU USE YOUR CARDS?

- A relaxed 'booknic' where the books are spread out on a picnic blanket for children to browse
- A 'find a book for a buddy' event where the cards are used to help find a book one of their peers might enjoy.
- An event for families to use the cards to browse together.
- A 'book cafe' with books laid out on tables (perhaps themed or sorted by format) with BookSparks cards to support browsing.
- Older peers pair-up with a younger child, using the BookSparks cards to investigate the books together.

CONSIDERATIONS

You can hold one event where children browse books using the cards and then choose two books to take home, or you could put on a series of book browsing and sharing events, with children given the chance to choose their books later in the term. It's entirely up to you.

It's important however that children have the opportunity to choose books they feel excited about and motivated to share at home so as far as possible we invite you to make an event of the actual gifting moment. Our resources include a suggested letter to parents and plasma screen slides to promote your event.

