



10 quick ideas for The BIG READ book

Get inspired when you're reading the BIG READ book and use some of our classroom learning ideas below:

1. Like Dakota Blue, try your hand at writing a story about a child, insect or animal that is denied an education.
2. Hold a class debate between children missing out on school and world leaders, inspired by the stories from The BIG READ book.
3. Invite your MP to come in for a story session from the book, or to tell a story.
4. Retell some of the stories, or use them to inspire your own, about children who face barriers to education.
5. Create your own class or individual book to be shared with the whole school, perhaps in assembly, so the whole school learns about The BIG READ.
6. Present a news bulletin telling the story of one of the characters in the stories.
7. Hold an interview/ hot seating session with one of the book's authors or characters.
8. Recycle your book by passing it on to other teachers.
9. Invite a younger class into your classroom to meet Ed the Stick insect!
10. Make a pipe cleaner Ed, or a puppet one, to retell the story.
11. Talking homework!

After sharing stories from the BIG READ book, use the following text as a homework/home learning activity:

Talking Homework

Your child has been reading stories this week from the BIG READ book. Ask them to share one of the stories with you and ask them to tell you what the message in the story was. What is 'The BIG READ'?

Don't forget – you can find lots more ideas for your lessons, including activities inspired by the BIG READ book at

www.sendmyfriend.org/teaching-resources/lesson-plans

75 million children are missing out on an education