

This year, World Book Day is going to fall during Lockdown – but Team English at Latimer think that shouldn't stop us having fun with one of the best days of the year... in fact it gives us the chance to be even more creative than usual.

We are setting three WORLD BOOK DAY challenges and you are welcome to take part in one... two... or all three of them.

The closing date is WORLD BOOK DAY itself – Thursday the 4th of March 2021 – so time is running out to get thinking and get creating! There will be Amazon gift cards for the winners in each of the challenges.

CHALLENGE ONE – “World Cook Day for World Book Day”

You are challenged to create a dish inspired by or based on one of your favourite stories of all time.

It could be that you want to recreate Bruce Bogtrotter's cake from *Matilda*, that you have always fancied modelling Hogwarts out of gingerbread, or you're such a fan of *Noughts and Crosses* by Mallory Blackman that you want to decorate a pie with an elaborate “X” and “O” design.

We want to see a both a photograph and a recipe for your sensational story snacks or luxurious literary lunches.

CHALLENGE TWO – “Where on Earth...?”

Everyone loves a selfie, and we want to see photos of you enjoying your favourite book... but in the most unusual place!

Normally when challenges like this are set readers flock to such landmarks as the Great Wall of China, the Eiffel Tower or the pedal boats at Wicksteed Park but in Lockdown this is even more of a challenge! Maybe you've been reading Lemony Snicket in the loft – perhaps you've been enjoying *Divergent* on your daily walk in the woods?

Send us photos of you reading in the most unusual Lockdown locations – and we will have prizes for the most creative.

CHALLENGE THREE – “Latimer Loves Lockdown Literature – the 500-word challenge”

We would like to challenge you to write an engaging and creative short story.

Five-hundred words might sound like a lot, but it really isn't. It's just over one side on Microsoft Word.

The key to this challenge will be the planning – how will your story start, how will it end, and what will be your main piece of action? Will you be creating an engaging and believable character? Will it be realistic or fantastic? The only limit is your imagination... oh... and this...

Your 500-word story **MUST** start with this first line:

“Annoyingly, Lockdown continued”

AND COMING SOON...

In the week leading up to World Book Day, Team English are excited to announce the first edition of... THE MASKED READER. It's reading... but reading with a twist. There will be more details in the newsletter after half term!

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Prizes are as follows:

For each challenge, one first prize of a £10 Amazon voucher, four runners up prizes of £5 Amazon vouchers.

All entries must be emailed to worldbookday@latimer.org.uk by 11:59pm on Thursday 4th March 2021.

All judging will be completed by Team English, with entries for challenge three presented to the judges anonymously.

Entries for challenge three should be no fewer than 400 and no more than 500 words long.