

# Here are our **top tips** for happy dressing up

When you choose a fancy dress costume, always start with what you already have available at home. What clothes do you have? What colours? You can then start to build up your costume by making props or accessories and adding some face-paint.

## **making props**

- If an outfit seems really difficult to make, then think about making some props instead. props are fun and can sometimes take an outfit to the next level!
- think about the book character you want to be. you don't have to have a perfect outfit, but if it is Gangsta Granny for example, then she really needs a wig and glasses. Everything else can be mixed and matched depending on what you have at home.
- you can pretty much make any props using paper, a pencil and a stapler, as you will see from some of our suggestions.
- Gaffer tape and double-sided tape are extremely useful when making fancy dress costumes. they save a lot of time and are much less messy than glue. Sometimes, glue is the only way, for example gluing wool on to a Gangsta Granny wig, but otherwise strong tape is great.

## **Wigs**

- All successful wigs start off by making a 'scalp' or a 'skull cap' as they are called, then the rest of it is easy, as it will always fit your head!
- Be inventive! If a wig has curly hair, then just cut rings off a cardboard roll and paint them, or cut strips of coloured paper and tape so you have a circle or make a paper chain for long curly hair.
- If the hair is frizzy, then fold paper strips like an accordion.
- For silver or white hair, you could use newspaper or white paper as cheaper options.
- Cut up coloured plastic bags for crazy colours or dustbin bags for long witchy hair.



**Children should be supervised at all times if they are making the costumes.**

## **Face-painting**

The trick with face-painting is to build up the 'face' in layers. thinking about it like this will make it much easier. Think about the base colour, then the eyes and mouth details.

**Always make sure your child is not allergic to the face-paints.**

## **Hats**

Most hats are made in the same way, and often begin with a length of card that fits around the head and is stapled into place.



**most of all, dressing up is about having fun!  
We hope you have a great day!**



# Our World Book Day Celebration

## 1st March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of World Book Day (1<sup>st</sup> March) you will shortly be receiving your child's World Book Day £1 token. The token can be redeemed at any retailer displaying the World Book Day logo from 26th Feb – 25th March inclusive and is redeemable against any book or audio book worth £2.99 or more in all bookshops participating in the initiative.

**We will be running a Scholastic Book Fair this year from 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> February where you will be able to use your £1 book token towards the value of any book over the value of £2.99. The book fair enables us to earn rewards for the school depending on how much money raise. Thank you for your support!**

**We will be celebrating our World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. As well as lots of reading related activities planned for during the day, we would like children (and adults) to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up!**

If you are stuck for dressing up ideas, we hope the 'Top Tips' overleaf will help you get started. Please do not hesitate to ask if you need help.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs L Powell

