



Friday 17th February

## World Book Day 2023 – 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Dear Parents/Carers,

In order to celebrate World Book Day and our love of reading, we are planning a variety of activities in school on Thursday 2nd March to mark World Book Day. ***Studies have shown that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator for success in life, more than family circumstances, educational background, or income.***

Sharing stories together for just ten minutes a day will encourage a love of reading and it is fun for everyone! You can read together anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime! In the park, on the train, on the sofa, on a plane – reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time.

### World Book Week Activities:

#### World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March Character Celebration

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 2nd March. They will take part in a variety of book related activities during the day, which will help to promote a love of reading for pleasure. ***On the reverse of this letter are inexpensive dressing up ideas for parents*** from the World Book Day website.

#### Cosy-up-and-Read on Thursday 2nd March

This year, as part of our World Book Week celebrations, we are launching 'Cosy-up-and-Read' sessions. One parent/grandparent/carer per child are invited into school to share a story with their child. Feel free to bring a teddy/blanket/cushion to get comfy and enjoy a special reading together time. During this time, your child's class teacher will also share a story with the class.

The timetable for each year group can be found below.

- Nursery children – 2.15pm
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – 9am-9.30am
- Year 3 to Year 6 – 2.30pm-3pm

Due to safeguarding, if you wish to attend you must sign up using the ParentMail form by 12pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. **Due to the expected number of visitors, if you have not signed up by this time then you will NOT be allowed entry.** Entry and exit will be through the main school office; you will be escorted to and from your child's classroom.

**Please note that there will be no access to any other part of school, including toilets.**

#### Book Swap

This year, we will be holding our first ever "Book Swap". We are asking children to bring in a well-looked after book that they have already read and wish to swap. They will then choose a different book to take home to keep. Books to swap should be brought into school from **Monday 27th February**. The swap will take place on Thursday 2nd March as part of our World Book Day celebrations.

#### World Book Day Tokens

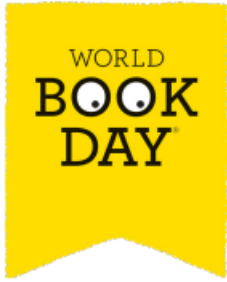
Every child will be presented with a World Book Day token, which can be exchanged for an exclusive World Book Day title or used as part payment for other books. For details on how to redeem the token, please click here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Weaver**  
English Lead and Assistant Head of School



# Dressing Up Ideas for Parents

Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)



## Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

## What if I/my child...

### ....doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

### .... doesn't like dressing up?

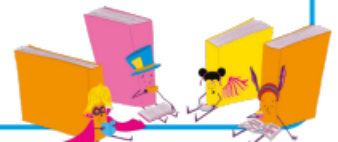
Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

### ... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

### ....aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.



Support your child to read for pleasure...



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Take books home to read



Choose the books YOU want to read



Ask for ideas on what to read next

Find your reading superpower



Have fun reading!



Make time to read

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