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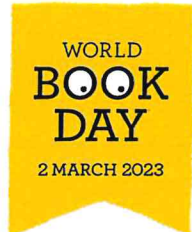
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Dear Parents/Carers,



I am excited to share with you some of the exciting plans we have in store for your child, to celebrate **World Book Day 2023** on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**. This always proves to be an exciting day for everyone but it is important to remember we celebrate World Book Day to promote children's reading for pleasure and ensure that every child has owns at least one book. With this in mind, I am pleased to announce the following activities for this year:

### World Book Day – Dress up

As in previous years, we are inviting **all children** (and staff) to **dress up** as a storybook character that is special to them on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. Our day will start with a special, celebratory assembly where children, who would like to, can show off their costumes to the rest of the school. Please remember the purpose of World Book Day is to celebrate a love for reading so do not feel pressured into buying a costume just for the day. Many books involve school children (Harry and his bucket full of dinosaurs, Matilda, Diary of a Wimpy kid and The Boy at the Back of the Class to name a few) so minor tweaks to the usual school uniform would be an excellent outfit. Also, many of the Mr Men and Little Miss books by Roger Hargreaves could be created by wearing the appropriate coloured clothes.

### World Book Day – Book vouchers

Every child will be sent home with a voucher which entitles them to £1 off a book or audiobook of their choice. Alternatively, you could use your voucher to **get one of 12 books** (see below) released by the World Book Day charity **free of charge**. All you need to do is take the voucher with you to a shop that is taking part. Our closest ones are Asda (West Bridgford), Waterstones (West Bridgord) or Sainsbury's (Castle Marina retail park).



### Parent Reading Café

We will be inviting you to attend our reading cafés in each year group. We will be opening our doors early for collection; giving you time to come and enjoy a book with your child and their class friends. There will be information on how to support your child's reading at home and an opportunity for you to give us feedback on how we can support you further with reading with your child. **EYFS and KS1** parents and carers are invited to join us from **2:45pm** on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** and our **KS2** parents and carers are invited to join us from **2:45pm** on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Like all good book clubs, there will be biscuits!

### Reading competitions and prizes

We will be using World Book Day to relaunch our reading rewards scheme across the whole school. For many classes, this is nothing new but more an opportunity to raise the profile of our reading rewards. After every 10 reads recorded in your child's reading diary they will be able to choose a prize from our 'lucky dip' prize bins. We will also be running an **Extreme Reading Challenge** throughout Lent 2. There will be more details about this challenge after the half-term holiday but you could start thinking of fun, interesting and unusual places that your child could read.

These are just some of the amazing activities that staff have planned for World Book Day and we look forward to celebrating the wonderful reading that happens throughout school and at home.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Mr Ward