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Dear Parents / Carers,

WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

Celebrating reading!

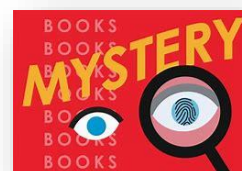
It is very nearly time for us to celebrate World Book Day! This fantastic day is another opportunity to continue to develop our children's lifelong love of reading and we are excited to share with you our plans for the day.



As usual, we would love to invite all our children to celebrate their favourite story by dressing up as their favourite character. Don't forget that costumes can be very simple and do not need to be shop bought. In addition, this year we are also offering the children the opportunity to come to school in pyjamas to 'cuddle up with a book' if they prefer to do this.

To enhance the experience, this year we would like to encourage the children to participate in some other events:

- Golden tickets - These will be hidden in books to find over the coming weeks and months. If children find one of these tokens and read the book (either independently or with an adult), then they can then collect a prize from the school prize box.
- Cosy Reading Café for Year 1 & Year 4 - Parents/Carers of children in Years 1 & 4 are invited to come into school between 2.45 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. to bring a cosy cushion and enjoy sharing a book together. What a lovely way to end the day.
- Reading Buddies - Children from across the school will be given the opportunity to 'buddy up' and share books together.
- Class Mystery Read - This exciting new initiative will be shared with all children by their class teacher.
- Reading Journals - All children will be introduced to the concept of reading journalling - a creative way to express responses to texts.
- World Book Day Assembly - An opportunity for all children and staff to come together to celebrate books and reading.



Although many of these activities will be launched as part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will continue them throughout the year to enhance our children's love of reading. This will include other year groups' parents and carers being invited into school for their chance to take part in the Cosy Reading Café.

The children will also be given their £1 Book Tokens, which we know they always love receiving. A list of booksellers can be found on <http://booksellers.org.uk/wbd>



We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help and support with this year's World Book Day celebrations. We know together we can make it a success and develop a lifelong love of reading!

Yours sincerely,

The English Team