



24th February 2020

Dear Parent,

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March 2020

Big news! The 23rd World Book Day is once again being celebrated across over 100 countries across the world on Thursday 5th March 2020. As the world celebrates authors, illustrators, books and reading, this an important day for our school where supporting children's reading sits firmly at the heart of what we strive to do. With this in mind it will be a day where we will come together (with your help!) and appreciate the wonderful world of books and reading. As in previous years there is even going to be an opportunity to dress up should your child, or even you, wish!

Celebrations will start in school at 9.15am on 5th March when we will be having a short assembly where parents as well as children are invited to **bring along one of their favourite books**. It such a pleasure to see children bringing in books that are special to them now, or that have been so in the past, so thank-you in advance for your support in helping them choose something to bring in. **As always, we'd love to see as many parents as possible join us (with books too if you want to share the celebration!) so please make a note in your diary.**

Following assembly, children will be joining together across classes for our World Book Day 'BookShare'. An opportunity to sit down with others and share, read and show favourite books brought along to the assembly. This will see the classes below getting together and having some fun. Parents are warmly invited to join us for this session too, which will take place between 9.30-10.00 am.

Bookshare Partner Classes

- Mr Franklin and Mrs Cousins' classes
- Mr Hankin, Miss Hall's classes and the Foundation Stage
- Mr Whitty and Miss Shopland's classes

A further BookShare session will take place during the course of the afternoon so that children are again able to spend a little more time sharing their books with others.

Following the success of previous years, this World Book Day we are **inviting children to dress up as a character from the favourite book that they are bringing along to the day if they wish**. Dressing up is entirely **optional**, and we would ask that school uniform is worn as normal by those who choose not to dress up.

Phase Leaders will be sharing details of other activities that they are planning in their classes on this special day – so watch out for those details coming your way. We wish you a World Book Day full of fun and hope that you're able to join us for our celebrations.

Yours faithfully,

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