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World Book Day



Dear Parents,

World Book Day, which takes place on **Thursday, 3rd March, 2022**, celebrates the joy and value of books and the art of reading. The worldwide events of the day are particularly aimed at children. The message this year is: 'You are a reader'. We, in school, along with your support, want to promote reading for pleasure on World Book Day and, of course, all year round.

Dress up:

What are books full of? WORDS!! Do you have a favourite word or can you use the dictionary to find an unusual or very descriptive word? Have you found a brilliant new word in a book you have been reading? This year, **instead** of dressing up as a book character, we are having a VOCABULARY PARADE! We are asking all children to come to school displaying an amazing word! This could be a noun, an adjective, a verb or any other exciting WOW word. We are not asking you to spend any money, but to be creative in the resources you have available at home. Your chosen word should be **clearly displayed** within your outfit. You could have a sign around your neck, a hat with the word on or dress up as the word. Wearing bright clothes could indicate the word "bright" and having really frizzy hair could indicate "frazzled" or "confused". Google 'vocabulary parade' for a plethora of other ideas.

Top tips: A describing word would work better than a noun so for example, if you wanted to come in your football kit, you could be 'skilful' rather than 'footballer'. If you fancied coming in your Brownie uniform you could be 'reliable' or 'helpful', rather than 'Brownie'. See how creative you can be! Can you think of a better word than the teachers? We will be doing lots of activities during the week based on words. We look forward to seeing the children in their creations!



Reading Rocks Competition:

Our annual competition this year is for children to paint a representation of their favourite story on a rock. The rocks need to be brought into school on World Book Day and will be displayed in the hall for all children to view. A winner will be chosen from each class. Please make sure that your creation is clearly labelled with the book that is being represented by completing the slip below with your full name and year group.

25 years!

As we are celebrating 25 years of World Book Day this year, attached to this letter, you will find a grid with 25 mini-challenges to work on with your child at home. Once completed, children can hand in their sheet to their class teacher to earn house points.



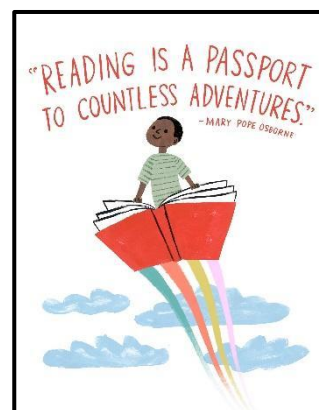
The main focus of World Book Day is to promote reading! In advance of the day, please see the official World Book Day website: <https://www.worldbookday.com/>, so you and your child can get excited about reading at home, ahead of our celebration both in school and at home. World Book Day have launched their Share a Story campaign – it takes just 10 minutes a day to read with your child.

During the week, staff will also be planning other activities for their specific classes and the children will be immersed in a variety of books and reading related learning experiences. Across the whole school we will be focusing on different authors and reading and writing together from a variety of books throughout the week, with our focus being on fun, different versions of the Little Red Riding Hood story.

The joys and benefits of reading are enormous and we, in school, hope to continue to encourage and enthuse your child with a love for reading that will last well beyond World Book Day. We are looking forward to a fabulous day focussed all around our love of reading, language and fun.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
Mrs van der Merwe
Reading Leader / Librarian



Reading Rocks Competition

Name: _____

Year: _____

Book represented: _____

Book Fair (8.03.22 to 11.03.22)

Once again we are holding a Book Fair in school, from **Tuesday 8th March to Friday 11th March**. Your child will be issued with a £1 World Book Day token. This can be used towards the cost of any book priced at £2.99 or more. The token can be redeemed at most major supermarkets and bookshops and can be exchanged for one of twelve special £1 World Book Day books. Vouchers are valid from 17th February, 2022, to 27th March, 2022.



Parents will be invited in before school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. To limit the mixing of people, we ask that you try to plan your visit as follows:

- KS1 parents – Tuesday
- Year 3 and 4 – Thursday
- Year 5 and 6 – Friday

Children will be allowed to look and buy at lunchtimes too! Every book that is bought or ordered will help the school to obtain free books.

We would really appreciate parental help to sell the books and would be grateful if volunteers could let the office know which slots you are available (see below). If you are able to assist us, please circle which slots you can be here, and return the slip (or email the office) to let us know. Thank you very much.

Book Fair helper

Tuesday 8th March	8.30 am – 9.00am	12.00 noon - 1.00 pm
Wednesday 9th March		12.00 noon - 1.00 pm
Thursday 10th March	8.30 am – 9.00am	12.00 noon - 1.00 pm
Friday 11 th March	8.30 am – 9.00am	12.00 noon - 1.00 pm

Name

Childs name

Class

