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Dear Parents/Carers

As you know from the newsletters, we will be celebrating our Book Week (week beginning 27th February). During the week the children will be involved in a variety of activities to celebrate their love of reading and writing. We have selected the book, 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers as the main book the children across the school will focus on in addition to other books by Oliver Jeffers and many other authors.



We want to encourage our children to love reading and develop a life-long habit of reading for pleasure.

World Book Day defines Reading for Pleasure as:

Feeling sense of satisfaction or pleasure by engaging with chosen reading material in their free time.

We want to see more children with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

The evidence base shows there are 6 building elements which support a child to read for pleasure.

- *Being read to regularly*
- *Having books at home and at school*
- *Having a choice in what to read*
- *Finding time to read*
- *Having trusted help to find a book*
- *Making reading FUN!*

These 6 elements shape and guide everything World Book Day does.

Busters Book Club

Taking part in our Busters Book Club initiative is a great way to encourage your child to read for pleasure at home. To take part in their Busters Book Club weekly target minutes, the children do not need to read their school/home reading book, they can read anything, or be read to, for their target time (usually Wednesday evening). Please sign the book mark in your child's contact book to celebrate their achievement; this is then collected by their teacher to be shared with our Year 4 Busters Book Club monitors and the winning class (highest number of minutes, improved participation etc) is announced during our Friday assembly.



Scholastic Book Fair and World Book Day vouchers

Your child will bring home a £1 book voucher which may be used to purchase one of the World Book Day books or contribute towards the payment of any book in many shops. The children may also use their voucher to contribute to the purchase of a book during the Scholastic book fair (priced over £2.99) in the Atrium after school from Wednesday 1st March - Tuesday 7th March.

The commission made from the book sales will purchase new books for our library (selected by our School Council).

Competition

We are inviting the children to enter a competition to design a wooden spoon book character. Please have all entries in by Wednesday 1st March for judging by our Year 5 School Librarians. The winners will receive a £5.00 book token to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair.



Bring 'n' Buy Book Sales

We are asking for donations of unwanted/good condition children's books to be sold on Thursday 2nd March (World Book Day) during our Bring 'n' Buy book sale. The Book Sale will be run by our School Librarians during the afternoon. All Books on sale will range from 20p - 50p, if you would like your child to buy a book please ensure they have the correct change (we will not be able to accept notes). **Any book donations will be gratefully received after half term.** The money made will go towards purchasing books and magazines for our school library.

Character Dress-Up

To mark World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March the children are welcome to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. Please do not feel you need to purchase a costume, any character they choose is fine using clothes, accessories or costumes you already have at home.

On Friday afternoon, the children will be invited to attend a workshop lead by the Teachers based on some of their favourite books, this will be a fun and engaging opportunity to explore books.

I am sure this will be a very enjoyable week for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise Prestidge
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

