



# St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March is our annual 'Book Week'. World Book Day is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March; the theme this year is 'Share a Story'.

Our book week will be a little bit different this year; in line with Government guidance, a lot of our children will be engaging with their learning remotely, however we still have many things planned to celebrate our love for books! Reading is invaluable; we can fully immerse ourselves in to a book; enjoying it alone and with others. It is important for our children to rehearse and practise their reading skills as well as celebrate their love for books!

During the week, the children who are in school and those learning remotely, will be involved in a variety of activities to celebrate Book Week. This year, we have chosen to focus on books written by the author Julia Donaldson. She is a well-loved author and wonderful story teller who has written many popular titles, such as The Gruffalo, Room on the Broom, The Paper Dolls, The Smartest Giant in Town, to name just a few!

## On our website

On the school website, there will be a PowerPoint slideshow from the staff at St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Primary School for the children to enjoy including individual staff member's favourite and recommended reads for our children. You will also be able to access a PowerPoint with a story time from each class teacher to enjoy at home. These can be found under the pencil 'Book Week 2021' on the school website.

## Online Events and websites for Book Week

There are lots of online events that you can engage with at home to celebrate book week. Some of these events may be included in the Remote Learning Day to Day guidance shared by your child's class teacher. You can also access them as and when you wish to from home.

## [Scholastic Live World Book Day Event Week - Scholastic Shop](#)

Every day of book week, there are live events/sessions you can register for using this link. These include writing workshops, draw-a-longs and story sharing. You can reserve a place to attend any of the sessions that are hosted by authors/illustrators. There are multiple events each day and a Book Club at 4pm for an after-school treat! There is a very helpful FAQ page with clear details of how it all works. The password to access these events is clubsandfairs

## [Share A Story Live events - World Book Day](#)

The World Book Day organisation are hosting Live events from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March in partnership with different authors and illustrators. All events can be streamed live using the above link or at a later date, on World Book Day's YouTube channel. The focus and details of each live event can be found using the link. There is also the option to submit questions to the hosts/authors of each event at the bottom of the web page.

## [100 Stories to Share \(worldbookday.com\)](#)

This link takes you to recommended books for children. It is split into categories including age and book type. It can be helpful to find ideas for new titles for your child to try.



[Home | Medway Libraries \(spydus.co.uk\)](http://spydus.co.uk)

The library has continued their click and collect service as well as access to eBook versions of a selection of titles. If your child is already registered at the library you can log in with their details, if they are not, you can register them online.

**Competition**

We have designed a competition for the whole school to enter. The children are invited to choose from the following two options:

- + Using materials at home, design a sock puppet book character. This can be any character of your choice using any existing socks and art materials you have access to.
- + Create a story book character or story object from any 'junk modelling' recyclable materials you have at home. You might like to create a model book character, or you could make a story object, for example, a cauldron from Harry Potter, or a medicine bottle from George's Marvellous Medicine.

Please include a name/explanation alongside photographs of your entry to tell us which character/object you have chosen to make.

All entries should be submitted to your child's class teacher via the class email address, even if your child is currently attending school because you are a critical worker, their entry must still be admitted to the class email and not brought into school.

Please have all entries sent to your child's class email by **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March** for judging the following week. Once a winner has been selected, I will then email them to share a certificate of achievement for their entry.

**Book Tokens**

As in previous years, your child will have access to a £1 book voucher, which may be used to contribute towards the payment of a selected range of books in some shops. This token has been shared alongside this letter for you to access. Please read the terms and conditions alongside the voucher to see where/how the voucher can be used.

**Character dress up day**

Each year, to mark the end of 'Book Week', we usually have a character dress up day where the children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. However, this year, we have decided to postpone this dress up day to a later date in our school year. This decision has been made to enable all of our children to take part and enjoy this much-loved dress up day together. We will update you when we can with a date for later in the year, where we will host a character day; the children will then have the opportunity to dress up as a character they love and we will be able to enjoy this event altogether.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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