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Dear Parents/Carers

World Book Day takes place on **Thursday 2 March 2017**, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion.



World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children.



To help get them started on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about the books at worldbookday.com/books.



Your child's token is enclosed and can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day by visiting your local bookshop (if you need help finding one, visit booksellers.org.uk/bookshopsearch).



Nurseries, schools and libraries across the UK celebrate World Book Day with a huge range of events and activities. Here's what we will be doing on World Book Day on **Thursday 2 March**:



- We are very excited to celebrate World Book Day this year with a day and a half visit from **West End in Schools**. This is a theatre education company who will be working with each class from Year R to year 4 to choreograph and perform a chosen picture book - bringing it to life! We are very grateful to The Friends of Hazeldene for helping us to fund this extremely exciting event. Each class will have a session in the hall with a West End choreographer! The Reception children will be working on the book 'Tiddler', KS 1 (Years 1 and 2) will be working on the book 'Dinosaurs and all that rubbish', and KS2 (Years 3 and 4) will be working on 'Where the wild things are.'
- This year, we would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We would like to make this as easy as possible. Please look at the below link <http://www.bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/> where there are lots of ideas on how to make masks or hats that do not involve having to purchase an outfit.



- There will also be a **Book Swap** on the day. We are asking if your child could bring in books they have already read at home and wouldn't mind swapping with a child for another book. The children can bring up to 5 books on the day. Please can we ask that you explain to your child that they will come home with another book and not their own on the day. The children really enjoyed this last year but we do need to ask that every child has a book to swap as we only have a limited supply of 'free' books in school. If this is difficult please let your child's class teacher know and we will source some more story books.
- If you are wondering what to read next with your child you can find lots of great book recommendations for children, organised by age range and popular themes by following the link below:
<http://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/parents/>
- You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library if you are not yet members. For more information about World Book Day and ideas on sharing books at home, visit <http://www.worldbookday.com/>
- We will also be running our own 'Readathon' arranged and organised by The Friends of Hazeldene. More details on this will follow shortly.

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs J Sumner (Literacy Leader)