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Dear Parents/Carers

### World Book Day: 'Share a Million Stories'

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 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](http://worldbookday.com/books).

Your child's token will be sent home 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](http://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 to celebrate the joy of books:

- We will be starting the day with a World Book Day assembly where the children will have the opportunity to match a chosen book to the correct member of staff. The children will choose which book they would like to hear read and then in the afternoon they will go off to hear that member of staff read that book.
- This year we would like to offer the children the chance to enter our 'Tasty Book Competition'. This will involve the children (with your kind support perhaps) making and icing a cake on a literary theme. We will then sell the cakes at the end of the day to raise funds for new picture books for the classrooms. The cakes can be brought in on Book Day **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March; there will be a reading prize for best literary theme for each Key Stage (N/EY, KS1, Lower KS2, Upper KS2) The competition is open to years Nursery to Year 6.**
- Our second competition the children can enter this year is to design and paint a 'Story Stone/s' with their favourite character or story. The stone/s can be brought in on the day of Book Day and we will have book prizes for most creative design/s in each year group.
- Prior to Book Day, each class will vote on a favourite book; Nursery = best pop up book, Year R = best Fairy Tale, year 1 = best picture book, Year 2 = best illustrated book, Year 3= best fictional book, Year 4 = best humorous book, Year 5= best adventure book, Year 6=best book series. On the day, the children will have opportunities to make masks and carry out other activities to do with their chosen book.



- We will be running our 'Blind Date With A Book' scheme for children in Years 3-6 who are invited to bring in a book they have enjoyed reading, place it in a brown paper bag provided by Mrs Duchemin and then add a tag with keywords to describe the book to others. This will become an exciting book swap. If the children from Years **3, 4 and 5** can please **bring their book to share/swap on the Monday and the exchange will take place on the Thursday** guided by Mrs Duchemin.

- As you know, we continue to work hard together as a school to develop a Love of Reading! Therefore we would love to organise our own 'Share a Story'. On the day, we will be asking children from the years above into class to share a story with younger pupils. ***We would also like to see photos of parents and carers sharing books at home, please Dojo photos of your child enjoying reading their books at home. There will be a book prize for the photograph showing the most unusual place to enjoy a book.***



- This year we will be holding our 'reach for the stars reading challenge'. During the week of World Book Day your child will be bringing home a sheet of stars with different ways to read written on the stars. Each time your child completes one of these they can tick it off. When their list is complete, they return it to their teacher and receive a certificate.
- Throughout the day each class will invited to decorate their classroom door (book jacket) in the style of their class favourite book. There will be a prize of a picture book for the best class design!
- ***This year we would also like to invite the children to come to school on the day dressed as their favourite book character if your child wishes to, however this is not compulsory.***
- There are over 40 inspirational costume ideas at [www.bookaid.org/worldbookday](http://www.bookaid.org/worldbookday). Here you will find easy and inexpensive ways to turn your child into a popular book character.



Peppa Pig



Burglar Bill

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 [worldbookday.com](http://worldbookday.com).

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 & Mrs J Duchemin (Literacy Leaders)