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Dear Parents/Carers

World Book Day

This year, **we will celebrate World Book Day on Friday 3rd March** to ensure that our swimmers can join in with the enrichment day planned!

Instead of getting the children to dress up this year, we have decided to decorate a potato as our favourite book character! Children can bring their potato into school on Friday 3rd March and they will be displayed in the hall on class tables. There will be a winner in each class as well as an overall EYFS/KS1 winner and KS2 winner. If you feel that you are unable to provide your child with a potato, please let the class teacher know and school can support. Below are some examples of potatoes as book characters for inspiration. Happy creating!



How will the day be different?

Our World Book Day celebrations will be launched with an exciting assembly which will enthuse and excite the children. Each class will focus their learning on a picture book, completing a range of activities over the course of the day linked to the book.

Parents and carers are invited to join us at 2:15pm in the school hall for a brief presentation on home reading and recording on Boom Reader. This will also be a great opportunity to see the wonderful potato book character entries from each class. At 2.30pm, parents and carers can visit the classrooms, talk to the children and see all of the wonderful work inspired by reading. Parents are encouraged to leave post-it note comments for the children, providing feedback on their efforts! At 2.50pm, we will ring the bell and politely ask parents to make their way out onto the playground so we can get the children prepared for home time.

Extra reading events after school

We want to use World Book Day as an opportunity to bring the community together so we have planned some additional reading events after school. Staff will be running a range of different reading-inspired activities from 3.15 – 3.45pm throughout the school. **There will be signing up sheets in the Community Library (dining hall) on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February after school.** If your child would like to take part in one of these activities, please sign up for the ONE they are interested in. Places are limited and will be filled quickly so remember to sign up! If your child normally attends a club on a Friday, these will still be running but if they wish, they can do the reading activity instead and just notify their club leader.

Parents can either join their child for the activity or alternatively they can enjoy a delicious cake and tea/coffee/squash in our Community Library. (All donations from refreshments will be used to purchase more books for our school library so please give generously!) This will be the perfect opportunity to browse our adult reading section of the Community Library as well as borrow books for all members of the family! If there are any budding chefs out there who would like to donate some book-themed cakes for the event, please bring your cakes into school on Friday morning. We will have an additional prize for the best decorated, book-themed cakes!

I hope you will join us for World Book Day and help spread the joy of reading. If you have any questions about the event, please see your child's class teacher.

Kind regards



Mrs Julie Lewry
Headteacher