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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's that time of year again and the countdown to World Book Day has begun!

Reading is a fundamental life skill and our reading culture is one that we are very proud of. Earlier this week, our children really enjoyed meeting Stuart Foster, a very popular children's author. We are proud to remain in the top 3 schools in the city that engage with eBooks, our children enjoy taking quizzes on Accelerated Reader and a trip to our Treetops Library is a weekly highlight.

The mission is simple:

To promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.



World Book Day is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. It provides a fantastic opportunity to focus on reading for pleasure, supporting children's autonomy in book choice, and embedding a habit of reading that brings a wide range of benefits.



Book Bingo

This year, to help the children to celebrate World Book Day, we are encouraging the children to read as many exciting books as possible. To assist with this, we are sending home a 'Book Bingo' sheet. Children will be given a paper copy of this but there is an electronic copy attached to this letter too. **Every time your child reads a book that matches one of the criteria, please mark it off on the Bingo grid.**

We would love to see your child enjoying these books. Please email your child's class teacher with any pictures of your child taking part in the 'Book Bingo' reading activities or any unusual places where they have been 'caught' reading. We will use these to make a display in the central school corridor. There may even be a prize for the best photo!

The aim is to share lots of different stories with your child. Sharing stories together, even for just ten minutes a day will encourage a love of reading and vastly improve a child's vocabulary and their independent reading and writing. One book may meet several criteria – e.g. you may share a book with your child that was 'a funny book' and also 'a book about animals'. **When you have completed your bingo sheet please return it to school.**

World Book day Dress up

We are excited to say that we will be dressing up on World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. We encourage your child to attend either as a children's book character or to come to school in pyjamas. If possible, we would like the children to bring a copy of the book that their costume is based on or a copy of their favourite story. The children **do not** need to bring in any money for World Book Day. Unfortunately, we have been unable to pre-order books this year so your child will be given their World Book Day token at the end of the day. These can be exchanged for books at local supermarkets and book shops.

We will be having a day full of fun reading activities and sharing lots of books together in school on this day. We hope that you will join us in helping the children to continue to develop their love of stories and reading.

Thank you for your continued support,

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