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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

On **Thursday March 5th**, we will be celebrating World Book Day by participating in a variety of exciting activities in school which include reading and sharing books, a costume catwalk, a 'mystery reader' session and having book themed classroom doors for the week.

We invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Instead of buying new costumes, we encourage children to use items from home and their imagination to create their own unique costumes. We will be giving out book voucher prizes for the most creative costumes! We also understand that some children do not feel comfortable dressing up, and so we will send home a character template for children to decorate as their favourite book character and bring into school on World Book Day. If their character isn't human, they could create a miniature version of it instead.

As part of the celebration, all children will receive a book token which can be redeemed in participating bookshops between 12th February and 15th March.

Book Swap – give a book, get a book

To encourage a love for reading in a sustainable way, we are hosting a year group book swap. On World Book Day, children can donate a book that they have already read. Those involved will be able to choose a book from the swap to bring home at the end of the day. This is a great way for children to recommend books to each other, discover new authors and share the joy of reading with their peers.

Book Fair

The book fair will be running from Tuesday 24th February until Tuesday 3rd March. During this period, children will have the opportunity to visit the book fair with their class teacher and can choose to visit during lunchtimes too. Parents and carers are also welcome to browse between 3:35pm and 4pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday in the main hall. Books can be purchased in cash or using vouchers which are available at https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/ . Every book fair transaction will receive a £1 discount, with no voucher needed. The school benefit from all book purchases made at the book fair. We receive 60% commission goes directly towards stocking our library and classrooms with fantastic books for the children.

Thank you for your support,

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