



12<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Thursday, 07<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day!**

“World Book Day is on a mission to give every child a book of their own. It’s a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it’s a celebration of reading.” WBD website.

To celebrate this, and to raise the profile of reading in school, reading based activities will be taking place to teach the importance of enjoying a good book.

**Firstly, children may come to school on this day dressed as a character linked to their year group’s chosen theme. (see below)**

- **Early Years (nursery and reception): Fairy Tale characters** – any character from traditional tales such as The Gingerbread Man, Cinderella, Three Little Pigs, Rapunzel, Jack, Puss in Boots, etc.
- **Years 1 & 2: Charles Dickens’ characters** – e.g. Oliver Twist urchins, Ebenezer Scrooge, the 3 ghosts, Miss Havisham, the Artful Dodger, Nancy.
- **Years 3 & 4: David Walliams’ characters** – e.g. Gangsta Granny, Mr Stink, Billionaire Boy, The Queen or her Orang-Utan
- **Years 5 & 6: Witches and Wizards** – any characters from books such as The Harry Potter series, The White Witch, Gandalf, Wizard of Oz,

Children should also bring in **their favourite book** as they will be able to read and share this with other children as the theme this year is ‘**Share a Story**’. Throughout school, themed activities will be planned based around reading and having book-based fun.

Finally, all children will receive a book token that they can take to a local bookseller and can use it to pick one of TEN (exclusive, new and completely free) books. Or, if they’d rather, they can use it to get £1 off any book or audio book costing over £2.99 at a participating bookshop or book club.

“It’s all about getting kids closer to books”

Thank you for your continued help and support.

Mr Fennelly

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