

Dear Parents/carers,

This year we will be celebrating **World Book Day** in school on **Thursday 7th March**. This is a day set aside every year to celebrate reading, books, authors and illustrators. We have planned a series of activities that we hope will inspire all children to read for pleasure.

To make the day memorable we will be asking all children and staff to come to school either dressed as a character from a book or as an object from a book. Please don't feel that you need to buy a new costume as the day is about promoting a love of reading and therefore, we don't want to make this a stressful situation. For example, your child could come dressed up in all one colour and if they were all in



yellow, they could be a banana from 'The Hungry Caterpillar' or they could come dressed all in pink and be Piglet from 'Winnie the Pooh' or the 'Pink Panther'. They could be dressed all in blue and be a crayon from the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' or they could wear multi-coloured items and be a rainbow from the 'Wizard of Oz'. Your child could decide to wear wellies and a hoody and be one of the children from the book 'We're going on a bear hunt' or they could wear a costume that they have worn before at home or from one of the school shows. We ask that a donation of £1 is bought in and any money raised throughout the day will be used to enhance our reading areas around the school and buy more books for the library. We will be giving a £5 book token to the best-dressed person in EYFS, Key stage 1, Year 3 /4 and Year 5 /6!

During the day, children will have stories read to them, share books with another class and have time to enhance a reading area around the school, taking inspirations from a range of famous books. Every class, will also participate in an interactive workshop led by Malou Evans (Storyteller). In this session, Malou will create a story that is personal to the class and bring it to life through a range of drama activities.

The children are invited back into school for bedtime stories at 5:00pm and this will finish at 5:30pm. Your child's class teacher will be waiting to read a bedtime story whilst the children enjoy a hot chocolate. We would love to see as many children as possible, preferably in their pyjamas!

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes and having a day filled with booky-fun!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Robinson