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To: **ALL PARENTS/CARERS**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: **WORLD BOOK DAY**

We are really looking forward to celebrating World Book Day a week earlier this year on Thursday 27 February and have lots of exciting activities for the children on that day and in that week. The theme this year is **Read Your Way**.

Research shows that children see reading as something they **have** to do, rather than something they **choose** to do. The World Book Day 'Read Your Way' campaign encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations and empowers children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms. World Book Day believes that children are more likely to love reading if:

- Someone reads to them regularly
- They find time to read
- They have books at home and at school
- They know a trusted person who can help them find the right books
- We make reading fun for them
- They are given a choice in what they read.

We hope the children will be able to 'read their way' over this week. Below is an outline of some of the activities the children will be taking part in.

### **Tuesday 25 February - visit from the poet Joshua Siegal**

This will take place in the Kent Hall in year groups – you can visit his website to read and listen to some of his poetry.  
<https://www.joshuasiegal.co.uk/>

He will also be available for a meet and greet and will sign books for you to purchase at the end of the day in the **school library**.

### **Poetry focus for English**

Our English lessons for the week beginning 24 February will focus on Poetry; reading poems, finding out about different poets and writing some poetry in classes to share.

### **On Thursday 27 February - World Book Day! DRESS UP as your favourite book character. (OPTIONAL)**

We know that many people like to come dressed as their favourite book character but some children prefer not to dress up. If that is the case the children can wear own home clothes or remain in school uniform. If you would like help with finding an outfit please speak to your class teacher. There are lots of great ideas here:  
<https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents/>

### **Bring in your favourite book to share in the classroom on World Book Day.**

Children bring in their favourite book to share within class – a class book chat!



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### **Book swap across your child's year group**

We would love it if your child/children are able to bring in a pre-loved book in good condition that is no longer read at home so they can swap it with another person in their year group. The books must be suitable for the age of the children in your child's class. (eg no Peppa Pig for children in year 5 please.) If you don't have any books, please let your class teacher know so that everyone can be included. These swaps will take place during the week. Children can bring their books in from 10 February and can be kept in their classes ready for the week following half term.

### **Book Fair**

The Scholastic book fair will be returning from Wednesday 26 February until Monday 3 March selling books for you to purchase. The children can use their vouchers to receive £1 off any book. It will be held outside the large hall (Kent Hall) on the dates above from 3.10pm - 3.45pm.



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### **World Book Day Vouchers**

As with every World Book Day, every child will be given a £1 voucher which they can spend on one of the £1 books available from most book shops or put it towards another book to receive £1 off. Click on the link to see what books you can buy. You can also spend it at the Book Fair.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>

We hope it will be a memorable and exciting week and above all, raise the profile of poetry and remind the children about the joys of sharing poetry out loud. As always, please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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