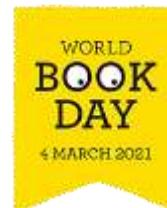




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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **World Book Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day. It is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and most importantly it is a celebration of reading. As part of our celebrations, we invite pupils to dress up as a character from their favourite book, whether they are coming to school or learning from home. I know that some of the teacher's will be taking part too.

This year, despite circumstances being a little different, we still want to ensure that the day is just as special for the children. During the day, each class will be studying an author, learning about their life and the books they have written. These authors include Jill Murphy, Malorie Blackman and Jerry Pinkney. We hope that this will inspire our children to want to read books by these authors and also realise the potential they all have in becoming authors and illustrators too.

We would also like to share a special time as a whole school, both staff and children, when we are all off screen and reading. We will dedicate from 11.30 – 12.00 on World Book Day for this and we really encourage all children to read something of their choice or have a story read to them. Staff will also be taking part and it would be lovely if parents/grandparents could do this too, if possible, so that we can all be reading role models for our children.

In addition to this, some of our Year 6 children have kindly volunteered to read a story to the children in Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 classes during the day through Teams. I would like to thank the children, in advance, for doing this and we think that it will be a lovely way to share storytime and bring together our school community. We are sure it will be enjoyed by all.

I am sure you will agree that these are all opportunities not to be missed and the children can look forward to very exciting events, ultimately fostering a love of books and reading.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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