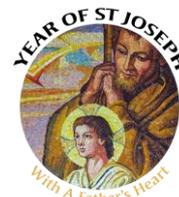




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WORLD BOOK DAY 2nd MARCH 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 2nd March 2023, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion. It celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child will receive a book token. This can be redeemed for one of the exclusive, new and completely free World Book Day books available from participating booksellers or used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook instead (find a full list of booksellers in your area at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>).

The theme of World Book Day this year is 'Reading for Pleasure' – something at school, we value highly.

There are 6 elements which support a child reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading FUN!



When I asked my Year 6 class about 'Reading for Pleasure' and what it meant and looked like, they declared we should read all day and be comfy; therefore, our day will have a big focus on this. Here's what we will be doing on World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March:

1. As mentioned above, Year 6 have said that when we read for pleasure, we like to be comfortable so they are inviting all children and staff (!) to **dress in their pyjamas/onesies for the day**. They would like them to **bring in a cushion/blanket** to use during our many reading sessions throughout the day.
2. All classes will be doing activities related to Reading for Pleasure. KS2 will be engaging with an online session with Michael Morpurgo – an incredibly brilliant and well-loved author. Reception will be doing activities linked to Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers, Year 1 will be focusing on The Big Book of Birds by Yuval Zommer and Year 2 will be looking at Rosie Revere Engineer by Andrea Beaty.
3. We will be considering praising our favourite books and choosing one book that as a class we could recommend to other members of the school. Each class will then be creating a 'book' to go on display in our library corridor. Please **send your child's favourite book in with them** (labelled) on the day so we can read it to them and their friends.



4. Parents/carers/friends/family will be invited in to school to read with your child/children. There will be two sign up times 8.50 – 9.20 or 2.40 – 3.10 and we would love to see as many of you as possible. Please catch your child's class teacher on the playground at the end of the school day to let them know if you are able to join your child that day.
5. Due to popular demand, we are very pleased to announce the return of the St Joseph's Book Swap on World Book Day. We are asking every child to bring in at least one gently used book to school. If you have additional books in good condition that you are willing to donate, we welcome them! This will increase the variety of books from which the children can choose. On the day of the event, each child will have the opportunity to pick one book to add to their home library.

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library if you are not yet members. Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.

Look out for more events and information relating to reading in the Reading Newsletter coming at the end of this term. There will be a Scholastic Book Fayre running over the Parents Evening sessions on 7th/8th March 2023, more details to follow.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mrs J Knight (Literacy coordinator)

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