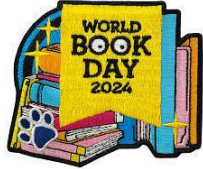


19th January 2024,

Dear parents/carers,



COMING SOON

This year World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March with a focus on reading for pleasure. On this day we are inviting the children and staff to dress up as their favourite book character. Dressing up can be a way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what children are reading at home. The idea is to have a bit of fun and we don't want anyone having to buy anything new or expensive for the event, be as creative as you can using items already in your home. If your child does not want to dress up they can bring along their favourite book and wear the clothes they feel comfiest reading in- eg their pj's!

Take a look at the ideas below.

We really looking forward to the week and will give further details closer to the event.



Dressing Up Ideas for Parents



Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)



Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

What if I/my child...

....doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

.... doesn't like dressing up?

Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

....aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.



Support your child to read for pleasure...

Listen to books being read aloud

Take books home to read

Choose the books YOU want to read

Ask for ideas on what to read next

Have fun reading!

Make time to read

Find your reading superpower

PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.

Many Thanks,

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