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Dear Parents/ Carers,



During the week commencing 2nd March we will be celebrating Book Week in school. We hope that the events during the week will help foster a love of reading and inspire writing opportunities, which are our focus areas for excelling standards in English. Thursday 5th March is World Book Day but there will be a huge range of events going on throughout the week. Our theme this year is 'Fairy tales and Fantasy'. All classes will focus upon various fairy tales as their focus during the week.

### **Breakfast with a Book!**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, we would like to invite parents to share breakfast and a book with their children. Parents are invited to come into school with their children between 8:30 - 9:00am and join them to read a story along with breakfast. During this time, you will be able to cosy up with your child and share some quality time and a story with them. Breakfast treats will also be provided. Parents are able to come through the gates with their children from 8:30am and join us. We will have a range of books to share or you may like to bring your favourite book to share together. Children will then register as normal at 9:00am and say good bye to their families then.



## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

### **Dress as a Book Character**

On Thursday 5th March, World Book Day, your child can come dressed as a book character and bring their favourite book in to school to share. There will be a range of exciting activities planned during the day. Our theme this year is 'Fairy tales and Fantasy' however your child may wish to dress as their favourite character from another story.

### **Steal a Storyteller**

Throughout the week classes will be using 'Steal a Storyteller' tokens across the school to come and steal a teacher/storyteller with their storytelling sack. The stolen teacher will share one of their favourite stories with the children and share their love of reading. Listen out for who your child's stolen storyteller is each day.

### **Reading Buddies**

During the week children will partner up with another class across the school to enjoy a story and share their love of reading.

### **Masked Reader**

You may hear your child is surprised during the week by a masked reader. Classes during the week will have a masked visitor come into their class and share a story with them. I wonder if they can guess who is under the mask?

### **Reading Quiz & Challenge**

Would you like to win a reading hamper? A reading quiz will come home with your child on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March where they will have the opportunity to win a special reading hamper. All they have to do is complete the quiz correctly, attach 50p to enter and return it to school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck! Who can complete the reading challenge? How many different ways can you enjoy a story? We'll be sending home a reading challenge for you to complete. We would love you to share your Reading Challenges on Twitter with us!

### **Book Fair**

Our amazing Eastway Book Fair will be back this year. Class teachers will take the children to the hall to browse the books, they will write down on a slip of paper to bring home the books they like. From this, you will have the opportunity to send some money into school if you would like them to buy them. Alternatively, the book fair will be open on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March during Parents Evening in our school hall. All books are priced at £2 each and stationery will be available from as little as 10p.

### **Book Swap Sheds**

You may have seen two sheds pop up on our school playground. We are asking for book donations to fill these sheds and turn them into Book Swap Sheds. If you would like to donate some books, please pass these through the school office. It would be very much appreciated. When the sheds have been fully set up and loaded with books, we will open them at the end of every day and you are welcome to take a book from there to share at home. Once read, please return for others to borrow.

### **Reading Partners**

Mrs Cullen is collecting parent/ carer/ family members to become Reading Partners in school. This team will come in to school to listen to readers and promote good reading habits and independent skills. If you are interested in knowing more - please see Mrs Cullen.

### **Reading Rewards**

We will continue with our termly Reading Rewards in school. The next Reward will be on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Just to clarify that children are encouraged to read at home every day and will be rewarded for this in school. We believe that quality is better than quantity and for our younger children it is not a race to read as many books as they can. Research into how young children learn to read tells us that they benefit more from rereading the same text a number of times to develop their fluency and strengthen their word recognition, all of which are essential skills that we build on in Key Stage One and continue throughout Key Stage Two.

### **Our School Library**

Following the relocation and revamp of the school library we are timetabling slots for children to visit with their class. Every child will be encouraged to take home a 'Reading for Pleasure' book. This may not always be a book that they can read independently or be linked to their class reading scheme but for them to share with you at home. Our library is open every playtime and lunchtime for children to visit and enjoy reading.

### **Fostering a Love of Reading**

For the next two weeks, our children will not be bringing home a reading scheme book, the usual coloured banded book but a high quality book to share with you at home. Please find time to sit and read with your child and snuggle up to enjoy a story together. These shared moments will count towards reading rewards so please do record these in the reading records. If you would like any support in encouraging your child to read at home or how you can best support them, please speak to your child's class teacher.

It will be a busy and exciting week in school for the children. If you would like to help us celebrate or are available to assist with any of the arrangements, please let me know. Each class will be arranging their own activities and we are sure your children will share these with you.

Yours sincerely,  
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English Lead