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Dear Parents/ Carers

## World Book Day Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

From Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, we will be celebrating reading as a school as part of our annual 'World Book Week'. We are writing to inform you that World Book Day takes place this year on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and we would like to invite all students to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book, this could be anything recognisable from a children's story to a work of classic fiction.

Please encourage your child to think 'outside the box' and come up with costumes that are imaginative, that don't necessarily have to cost a lot of money or take much time to organise. Some of the best ideas in the past have been the simplest. This year there will be a small prize for the three students judged to have the best costume. All students who want the opportunity to be included in the 'Best Costume' competition should come to the library during break time on the Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March where judging will take place.

If your child chooses to dress up on World Book Day, they need to fill in a sign-up sheet provided by their tutor from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February that will give us details of who they are planning to dress up as. If students decide not to dress up as a book character, they must come to school in their correct school uniform for the day.

To encourage and help them on their reading journey, every student will receive a £1 book token which can be exchanged for one free World Book Day 2024 book or £1 off a book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more information about this on the token given or the World Book Day website.

We hope these activities will continue to promote an enjoyment of reading and literature for all students. Research into the role of reading has found that reading for pleasure has the strongest effect on children's vocabulary development. It shows that, children who read for pleasure make more progress in Maths, vocabulary and spelling between the ages of 10 and 16 than those who rarely read. The 'World Book Week' aims to promote reading within our school and we look forward to sharing this with the students.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours faithfully

**The Library Team**  
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