

Dear Parent/Carer

## World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

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We are excited to celebrate authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world. This is the 26<sup>th</sup> year there's been a World Book Day, and on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** children of all ages will come together to appreciate reading. As a school we have decided not to ask the children to dress up this year as we appreciate in the current financial climate this may put unnecessary pressure on families to source a costume.

The main aim of World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

As part of World Book Day, the children will have the opportunity to take part in different activities based around reading during the day.

Each child will be given a voucher to take to a local bookseller (Bookmark, WHSmith and Sainsbury's) and can use it to pick one of TWELVE (exclusive, new and completely free) books. Or, if they'd rather, they can use it to get £1 off any book or audio book costing over £2.99 at a participating bookshop or book club.

Reading is something we really value throughout school and the children and staff are enjoying the Reading Spines that have been developed for each year group.

We would like to invite you to share a story with your child at 3:00pm in their classroom before the end of the day.

Thank you for your continued support. The Y6 Reading Ambassadors





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