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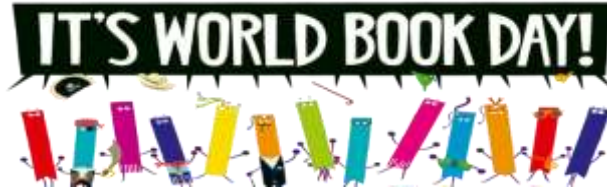
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We are delighted to announce that we will again be celebrating World Book Day this year both on Thursday 4th March – the day itself - and during 'Switch off Friday' on the 5th March. The two days will be packed full of activities to promote reading for pleasure.

As part of the celebrations, we would like to invite all of the children to dress up as one of their favourite book characters **on the 5th March** should they choose to do so. May I stress, this is by no means compulsory, as during Switch off Friday children will also be asked to create a World Book Day craft character. With this in mind, please either send your child to school or have ready at home one of the following items, ready to be turned into a book character during the afternoon.

- A potato (preferable)
- A wooden spoon
- A paper plate
- An old sock

Children working remotely would also benefit from some colouring pens, a pair of scissors or any craft materials you may have to construct their masterpieces. Further details of fun activities will be shared in the Switch off Friday video, posted on the 5th.

Following our Switch off Friday events, teachers would also very much love to share a book before bedtime with their year groups via Google Classrooms or Tapestry. At 7pm, get cosy in your pyjamas with a warm cup of your favourite drink and join the meet or access the posted video, to enjoy a story with a teacher before you turn out the lights and settle down for the night!

We hope the celebrations provide much fun and engagement for all and above all provide a further opportunity to instil a love of reading in each and every one of our pupils.

All of the children will receive a £1 book token that can be exchanged for a World Book Day book or that they can put towards a book of their choice (tokens can be exchanged at local bookstores or Supermarkets). This year children working from home can access their token from the link below and children at school will receive a paper copy, although the link will also be available to them, should they so choose to use it instead. Please note, the book tokens are only intended to be used once per child.

https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf

We look forward to celebrating our love of books with you in a very different way this year.

Yours Sincerely

Gemma Banks

Reading Lead

"For a better future."
