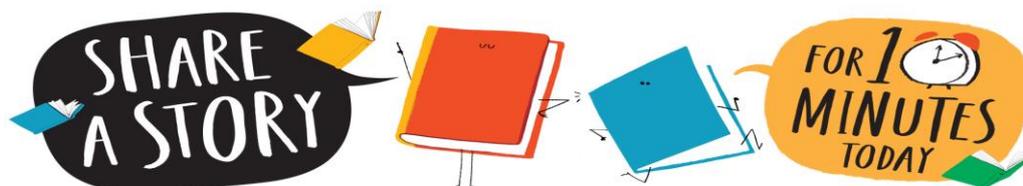
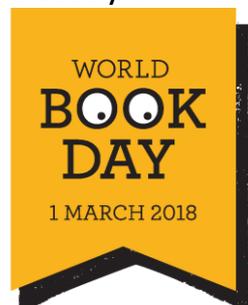




Tuesday 6th March 2018



Dear parents /carers,

Following the postponement from last Thursday, we have celebrated World Book Day today and your children have participated in activities linked to this event. We have also had a special assembly this afternoon to launch our new and exciting “Share a Story” campaign which is endorsed by World Book Day. This campaign suggests sharing a book, poem or non-fiction text with children for 10 minutes every day. As a school, we have committed to take on this idea and will be setting aside 10 minutes of reading time, where we will share a variety of interesting and engaging texts with the children.

The impact of this is huge! It is estimated that by doing 10 minutes of reading with children every day exposes them to an extra **300,000 words per year** and with your home support, we could double that to an extra **600,000 words!** We are therefore asking you to match this extra 10 minutes of reading time at home with your children. As you will be aware, children who read, or are read to regularly, acquire more effective reading and writing skills over time.

It is important to be aware that this extra 10 minutes of reading time at home is **in addition** to the reading homework children already bring home. This homework focusses specifically on developing the children’s decoding and comprehension skills, whereas the “Share a Story” idea is about promoting the joy of reading for pleasure and can include any type of texts that children show an interest in, including: comics, magazines, non-fiction books, newspapers and electronic texts.

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To help to kick-start this initiative, as in previous years, the children have been given a £1 book token today which can be used in bookshops to purchase one of the specially commissioned books to celebrate World Book Day. Alternatively, children may use them as part payment towards other books. In addition, the tokens can be used at our Travelling Books School Book Fair next week as part payment for books.

This will take place in the Studio Hall from 3:30 – 4.15 p.m. on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March. There will be a huge variety of books and stationery available for you to purchase. Furthermore, as a school, we are given commission for the books we sell, which allows us to purchase extra books to supplement our school library. Last year, thanks to your incredible support, sales from the book fair resulted in a staggering £375 worth of books for the school. We would really appreciate your support again this year.

We hope that your children have enjoyed the activities in school today and are grateful for your ongoing support to promote the importance and enjoyment of reading.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Ward
Teaching and Learning Leader.