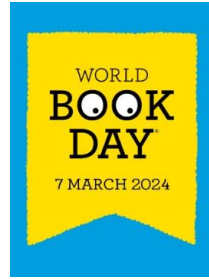


"Teach a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" *Proverbs 22:6*



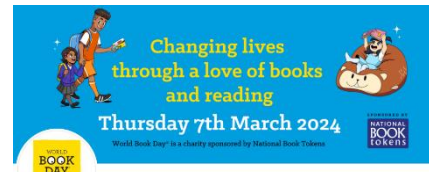
World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next half term, we will be having a week dedicated to reading called **Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) week**. DEAR week will run from Monday 4th March to Friday 9th March. At different times each day, we will be dropping everything we are doing and reading!

We are hoping to generate excitement and anticipation for reading and to help us to do this we will allow your children to bring in reading material of their choice. This can be a fiction or information book, a comic or an appropriate magazine. They can also read their own reading book from school if they would prefer. They will carry this with them during the day so they can 'drop everything and read' in case the bell sounds!

On the **7th March** our school will be taking part in **World Book Day**, a worldwide celebration of reading, books, authors and illustrators. A key aim of World Book Day is to give every child in the UK and Ireland a book of their own to keep, by distributing World Book Day Tokens to children. Children can exchange this token for one of exclusive World Book Day Books at participating booksellers. Your child will receive their World Book Day voucher closer to the day. The charity who run World Book Day are passionate about promoting reading for pleasure: *Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see more children with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.*



On World Book Day, we are inviting your child **to come to school dressed as their favourite book character**. We want the children to use their costumes to share their favourite books and we encourage you to use things you already have at home. Alternatively, children can also come dressed in comfy pyjamas for the day. During the day, children from Y5 and Y6 will be going across to the children at Royd to enjoy reading stories with them.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Riley
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