



"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 5th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Next half term, we will be holding our annual week dedicated to reading called **Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) week**. DEAR week will run from Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March. At different times each day, we will be dropping everything we are doing and reading! This year is the National Literacy Trust's year of reading where they hope to inspire children and adults alike to 'Go All In' with reading. Their aim is to promote reading for pleasure, and a key focus of their project is to encourage people to read what makes them happy and in a way that makes them happy! 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 **5th March** our school will be taking part in **World Book Day**, a worldwide celebration of reading, books, authors and illustrators. 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 will take part in a variety of activities to inspire a love of reading.

Yours sincerely,

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