

Dear Parents/Carers,

We love reading all year round, but March is an especially exciting time linked to books!

Firstly, we will celebrate World Book Day on **Friday the 7th of March** (a day after the national World Book day due to some of our classes attending a trip). On this day, children can come to school either dressed as a book character or in their cosiest pyjamas. We'd also love them to bring one of their favourite books to talk about and share with their class.

World Book Day research this year has concluded that children are more likely to love reading if:

- **Someone reads to them regularly**
- **They find time to read**
- **They have books at home and at school**
- **They know a trusted person who can help them find the right books**
- **We make reading fun for them**
- **They are given a choice in what they read**

To further celebrate our love of reading, the Book Fair will be arriving in school again on the **10th of March**. With a selection of **over 200 of the newest and best children's books** suitable for all ages and abilities, there is sure to be a book perfect for every child! Book prices start from only £2.99 and every book that we sell at the Book Fair helps us to earn free books for school that we can add to our own library and classroom reading areas.

To be in with the chance of winning vouchers to spend at the book fair, children can take part in our **Reading Rivers** challenge. Reading Rivers are an excellent way of children expressing their own experiences of reading and sharing their own reading identities. I have attached further information regarding this and we can't wait to see some of the entries! Please could competition entries be returned to school by **Thursday the 13 of March**.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Pritchard