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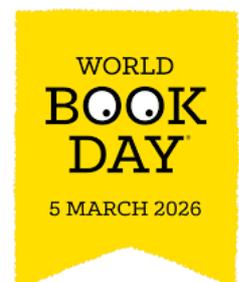
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Dear Families,

World Book Day Thursday 5th March 2026

- World book Day is on Thursday 5th March
- On 5th March, children can dress up as their favourite book character or wear pyjamas to school and bring in their favourite book/bedtime story
- Children will bring home a voucher for a free book
- The Masked Reader event will take place - details to follow
- Extreme Reading Competition will take place - see below
- There will be NO PE on this day



Last year we had so much fun taking part in reading activities at home, such as: guessing who the Masked Readers were, having a go at the reading challenge and extreme reading! We can't wait to do it all again!

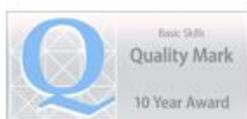
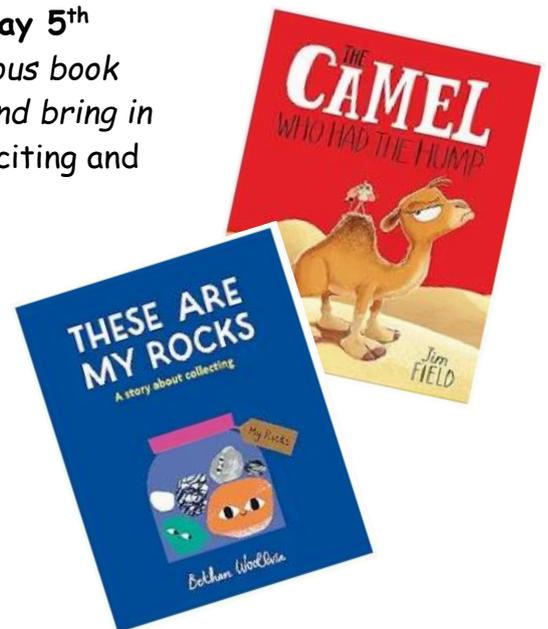
This year's World Book Day will be celebrated on **Thursday 5th March** and children are encouraged to *dress up as a famous book character and bring in the book, or wear their pyjamas and bring in their favourite bedtime story*. The day will be full of exciting and creative tasks (details to follow), all focused around books and the love of reading and will involve the

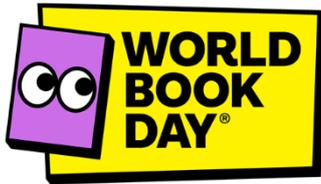
children journeying to other

classrooms within their phase to take part in different activities throughout the day. This year's

focus will be on some of the shortlisted books from the SPARK! Book

Awards.



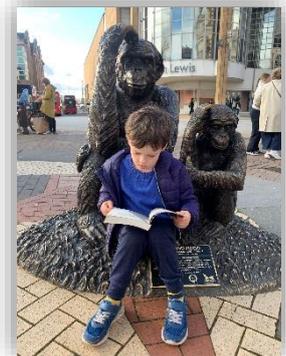


Each child will receive a World Book Day voucher which can be used until Sunday 15th March; this entitles them to a free book from the £1 selection, or £1 off a full price title, and can be used in any good bookshop, such as the Regency Bookshop in Surbiton.

The Masked Reader features recordings of anonymous adults from school reading a story whilst hidden behind elaborate masks! Children have to guess who is reading. Because the Masked Reader has been such a success in the past, we are bringing it back for the fifth year in a row! Look out for teasers and updates.



This year, we will also be running the **Extreme Reading Competition** again. Children are encouraged to read a book in a comical, unusual or spontaneous place and take a photo! There will be a book prize for one winner in each year group. We will run this until the end of the term. Please post your photo to Google Classroom: Class/Classwork/World Book Day/Extreme Reading Task. Here are some examples of extreme reading to give you an idea:



Research strongly suggests that 'enjoyment of reading' and enthusiasm to 'read for pleasure' is the most important indicator of your child's future success and will have a significant impact on their wellbeing and mental health all the way into adulthood. It is so important, now more than ever, that we foster the love of reading at home and at school to ensure our children become successful and happy adults. Reading really is the key to unlocking your child's potential, and we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to **read with their child every day at home.**

Thank you for your ongoing support with our 'love of reading' drive.

Stanley Barson
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