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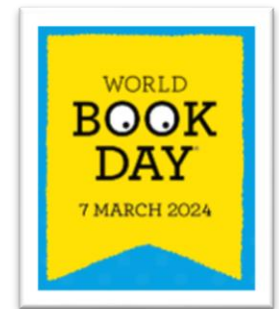
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Dear Families,

World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024

- World book Day is on Thursday 7th March
- On 7th March, children can dress up as their favourite book character or wear pyjamas to school and bring their favourite book/bedtime story to school
- 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

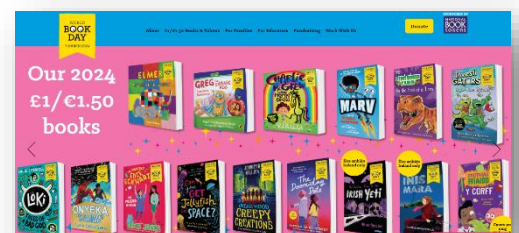


Last year we had so much fun taking part in reading activities at home, such as: guessing who the Masked Readers were, having a go at the reading challenge, extreme reading and hearing members of staff reading! We can't wait to do it all again!

As stated in the Digest, this year's World Book Day will be celebrated on **Thursday 7th 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, 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, which are listed in a separate letter sent this week.



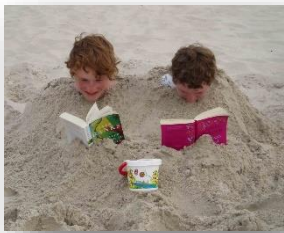
Your child will be receiving a World Book Day voucher this week which can be used from 15th February; this entitles them to a free book from this WBD list, and can be used in any good bookshop, such as the Regency Bookshop in Surbiton.



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 fourth year in a row! Look out for teasers and updates in the coming weeks.



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. Please post your photo to Google Classroom: Class/Classwork/World Book Day/ Extreme Reading Task. Here are some funny 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stanley Barson'.

Mr Stanley Barson
English Lead