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Inspiring everyone to **REACH** through  
Faith, Hope, and Love



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### WORLD BOOK DAY 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Reading Gives You Wings...

Dear Parent or Carer,

We are delighted to be involved in World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**. The whole day will be dedicated to reading and book related activities. World Book Day's mission is to offer every child the opportunity to experience choosing and owning a book for free. As part of the event every child in school will receive a book token. This can be redeemed for one of the exclusive, new and completely free World Book Day books available from participating booksellers or used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook instead (find a full list of booksellers in your area at <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>).

World Book Day's work is based on the evidence of what encourages children to read for pleasure. This tells us there are 6 elements which support a child to read for pleasure:

- ✓ **Being read to regularly**
- ✓ **Access to books at home**
- ✓ **The ability for children to choose what they want to read**
- ✓ **Having trusted adults and peers sharing and recommending books**
- ✓ **The reading experience being enjoyable**
- ✓ **Designated time to read**

Here are some of the activities that we will be doing on World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025:

1. **Focus for the day** - Our work during the day will be based around a book called '**An Emotional Menagerie**' by the School of Life, which explores an A-Z of emotions and how they affect us, as well as advice on how to handle these sometimes-complex emotions. Children experience all sorts of emotions, sometimes going through several very different ones before breakfast. Yet they can struggle to put these feelings into words; this book explores these emotions through looking at poems linked to animals. We want children to understand their emotions and develop to of our key **REACH values** their **resilience and empathy**. Each class will produce work to share with the school during a whole school assembly in the afternoon.
2. **Read your way** - this year's theme is 'Read your way' and during the day everyone will be encouraged to read in any way they like; this could be at a desk, under a table, with friends, laying on the floor or under a door! Reading where ever they feel comfortable. Where would you choose? Please **send your child's favourite book in with them** (labelled) on the day so we can read it with them/they can share it with their friends. They can also **bring in a cushion/blanket/small soft toy** to use during our many reading sessions throughout the day.

3. **Dressing up** – linked to our chosen book this year we are inviting the children to dress up as the emotions or animals that their class are exploring. They could simply come as one of the letters they're looking at, the colours linked to the emotion or ideas that link to that emotion – be creative. Please see the list below:
  - **Reception – A for Anger (Lion), H for Happiness (bird) and S for Shyness (crab).**
  - **Year 1 – K for Kindness (Bee), B is for boredom (jelly fish/sea creature) and J for jealously (snake)**
  - **Year 2 – X for eXcitement (lamb), N for naughtiness (monkey) and F is for fear (bunny).**
  - **Year 3 – G is for guilt (dog), D is for daydreaming (sloth) and U is for uncertainty (chameleon).**
  - **Year 4 – Q is for quarrelsomeness (bull), L is for loneliness (whale/sea creature) and C is for curiosity (magpie/bird).**
  - **Year 5 – T is for tranquillity (cow), M is for melancholy (hippo) and Y is for yearning (turtle).**
  - **Year 6 – Z for zeal (insect), E is for embarrassment (sea creature) and W is for worry (deer).**
4. **Hot Chocolate Sale** Back by popular demand - School Council and Reading Ambassadors will be selling hot chocolates at break and lunch to raise money for our new Prayer Garden (an excellent place to read) and new books for the classrooms.
5. **World Book Day Competition – 'Best Book Is...' Competition:** This is a persuasive writing challenge but you can do it in any format you like - the written word, a presentation, a speech to camera, a song, a poem, a rap...! You need to convince the judges (our Reading Ambassadors) that your chosen 'best book' is THE BEST BOOK EVER! Entries need to be in by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
6. **KS2 Online session** - KS2 will be joining a BBC Teach Live session with guest authors, book recommendations and engaging, curriculum-linked activities to celebrate reading for pleasure.
7. **Read with your child/children** - Parents/carers/friends/family will be invited in to school to read with your child/children. There will be **two sign up times 8.50 – 9.10 and 2.55 – 3.15** and we would love to see as many of you as possible. Please email the school office if you are able to come. School Council and Reading Ambassadors will be selling hot chocolate, tea and coffee during this time to raise money for our new Prayer Garden (an excellent place to read) and new books for the classrooms.
8. **Book swap** - We are very pleased to announce the return of the St Joseph's Book Swap on World Book Day. We are asking every child to bring in at least one gently used book to school. If you have additional books in good condition that you are willing to donate, we welcome them too! This will increase the variety of books from which the children can choose. On the day of the event, each child will have the opportunity to pick one book to add to their home library.
9. **Adult book swap** - we would like to invite you again to join in the book swap too. We will set up a table for the swap in the hall. If you have a good book that you would like to swap for another, please bring it into the hall, preferably at the start of the school day, however the table will be there all day so do pop in at a convenient time to you. Why not tie it in with coming into share a book with your child/children in their classroom and getting a cuppa on the way?

We can't wait to celebrate our love of books, with your child on this day. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thanks for your continued support and remember that 'Reading Gives You Wings...'

Mrs J Knight (Reading and Writing Leader)

