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A Celebration Of Reading & World Book Day

Dear Families,

What a fantastic week we have had in school last week celebrating **World Book Day** and, most importantly, our shared love of reading.

World Book Day was a huge success, and it was wonderful to see the children come to school dressed as a word. We loved exploring the rich vocabulary the children chose and hearing them confidently explain why their word was important to them.

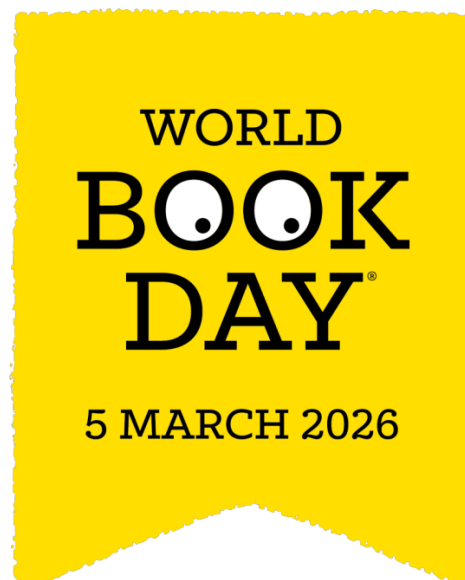
Across school, children:

- ✓ Shared and explored new and exciting vocabulary
- ✓ Created book recommendations to display in class reading areas
- ✓ Designed and made their own bookmarks
- ✓ Took part in a whole-school worship, celebrating our shared love of reading and enjoying seeing everyone dressed up together

The atmosphere around school was truly magical and it was lovely to see such enthusiasm for books and reading. This week's newsletter showcases all of this, as well as a new section around spirituality....see if you can have a go at our conversation idea...

As ever, thank you for your continued support. Our door is always open!

Mrs Berry





Did You Know? Fun Reading Facts!

Children who read for pleasure regularly are more likely to develop a richer vocabulary and stronger writing skills.

Just **10 minutes of reading a day** can make a big difference to a child's confidence and comprehension.

Reading together helps children relax, sparks imagination and supports emotional wellbeing too.



Reception: A Julia Donaldson Adventure

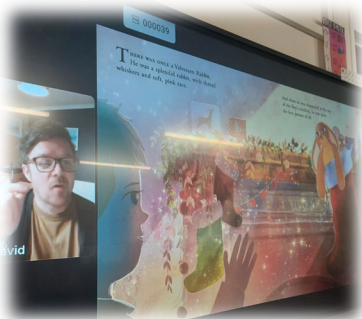
Reception had great fun celebrating World Book Day with a **Julia Donaldson hunt around the classroom**.

The children loved searching for familiar characters and stories, talking about their favourite books and sharing what they know about the characters they found.

A wonderful, hands-on way to bring stories to life and spark excitement around reading!



Year 2 : A Special World Book Day Experience



Year 2 had a fantastic World Book Day and were thrilled to take part in a virtual workshop with author and illustrator **David Litchfield**.

The children:

- Learned how to draw *The Velveteen Rabbit*
- Created their own characters
- Wrote imaginative stories inspired by their illustrations

A wonderful opportunity that really brought stories to life and showed the children how books are created.



Year 3 Exploring Words

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as a word and spent time listening to some of **Mrs Tordoff's favourite stories**.

They then used their chosen word to:

- Explore its meaning
- Identify synonyms and antonyms
- Deepen their understanding of vocabulary

A brilliant and creative way to develop language, reading skills and a love of words.



Year 4 Celebrated Reading With Creativity & Fun

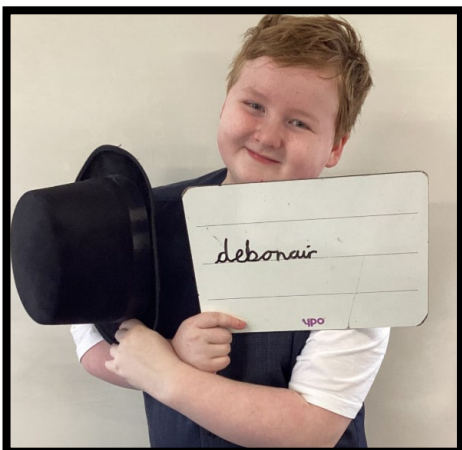


Year 4 had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed celebrating their love of reading.

The children took part in a wide range of exciting activities, including book-themed charades where they had great fun guessing each other's favourite stories.

Year 5 Recommendations

The children loved sharing and discussing the words they had chosen, sparking lots of thoughtful conversation. They also created book recommendations to display in their class reading area, helping to inspire others to discover new and exciting reads. To round off the day, the children enjoyed designing their own bookmarks, which they can use as they continue their reading journeys.



Year 6 Exploring Words & Bringing Vocabulary To Life

Year 6 explored our chosen words by identifying their **definitions, synonyms and antonyms**. The children then took part in a matching game, linking new vocabulary to the correct definitions shared by their classmates. To finish, they applied their learning by writing **creative and engaging stories**, confidently weaving their new vocabulary into their work



Spirituality & Reflection

Our new weekly spirituality segment

Each week, we will be sharing a **Family Reflection Question** to encourage moments of pause, conversation and reflection at home.

This week, take a moment together to reflect:

💬 *What is one thing you learned this week that made you think a little differently?*

📖 *Was there a word, book or story this week that stayed with you – and why?*

❤️ *When did you show kindness, courage or perseverance this week?*

🌱 *What is one small thing you are proud of from this week?*

🙄 *How can we support one another to do our best next week?*

You might like to talk about this **over dinner, on the way to school, or before bedtime**. There are no right or wrong answers; just time to listen, reflect and grow together.






Reminders & Support



We would like to take this opportunity to share a few important reminders and highlight the support available to all our lovely families.

 We are fortunate to have a wide range of **pre-loved school uniform**, all in **excellent condition**, available in school. This is a great way to support families and reduce waste. Please visit the **school website** for full details on how you can access this.

Attendance Reminders

Attendance remains a **high priority** at our school, as we know how important regular attendance is for children's learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

We kindly remind parents and carers that:

- Any child absence must be reported **before the start of the school day**
- This must be done **by telephone**
- Parents and carers must **speak directly to a member of staff**
- Absences **cannot be reported by email**

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain clear and consistent attendance procedures.

Safeguarding and Family Support

The safety and wellbeing of all our children is always at the heart of what we do. You can talk to **any** member of staff in school if you are worried about a child. All members of staff, governors and volunteers have had safeguarding training.

Our school does have special members of staff trained to deal with concerns and worries. They are called Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) and our main one is Mrs Berry. All members of our Pastoral Team, Mrs Westby and Miss Lawless, are also Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Further information about family support, safeguarding and who to contact can also be found on the **school website**.

We are always here to listen and to work in partnership with families to ensure every child feels safe, supported and able to thrive.