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Learning Hub

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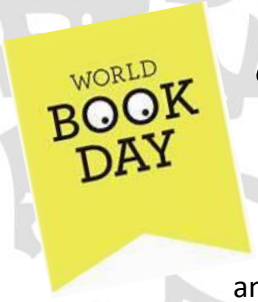
Welcome to our latest newsletter

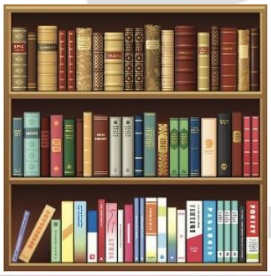
Hello, and welcome to the first library newsletter of 2025. We have been actively promoting reading and its benefits. It has been wonderful to see the Year 5 students regularly using the library during lunchtime to assist with organizing and shelving books for me.



Coming next term.

World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching, and as always, we will be celebrating. The first World Book Day was celebrated on April 23rd, 1995, as a celebration of reading and Books. The aim is to encourage children to read for pleasure and share a love of reading. In the UK, it is always celebrated on the first, Thursday of March, so that It does not clash with St George's Day or school Easter Holidays.



This year, the theme is to "Read Your Way". This means letting go of any pressure and expectations and giving children a choice and a chance to enjoy reading.

Why do we dress up?

Dressing is up is a fun way to encourage children to engage in reading, express what they enjoy reading, and share with others. It doesn't need to be an expensive and lavish costume.

Here are some ideas …

Enid Blyton's The Famous Five, who dress up in regular clothes

Charlotte's Web- By E B White Carry a pig and a spider

The BFG by Roald Dahl – paint some paper plates light pink and attach them to a headband. Accessorise with a black cape and a bag to carry your dreams

The Dictionary!

All that is needed is a plain white T-shirt and a Sharpie pen to cover in words.

Book fair

TRAVELLING BOOKS

The book fair will be held from Wednesday, March 12th to Tuesday, March 19th. Book prices will start at £2.99, and every book purchased at the fair contributes to earning free books for the school library. Additionally, students can use £1 World Book Day tokens as part of the payment for any book. Cash or card is fine.

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Don't give up - Nancy Pearl's rule of 50

Pearl a famous librarian acknowledged the world of books is immense and time is short so give every book about 50 pages until you decide to give up on it or commit yourself to reading it.

Library Journal Edition

The library magazine is written by students for students. It is a creative outlet where they can share their ideas and stories and showcase their writing skills. If any student wants to publish something, please visit the library and share it with me.

Too many books, Having a clear out?

The library is happy to receive any books that you no longer want, just drop them in

Library information

Mon-Fri 9.00am - 3.30pm
Librarian Mrs S Dickinson
The pupils can take one book out at a time for two weeks; if they wish to extend the time, they can.

Love to read....

Active Reading

Reading to your child is one of the most beneficial ways to develop their literacy skills. We would encourage you to read with your child every day.

Mr. Winter has created this short video to help demonstrate how to use Active Reading Strategies with your child/children. Please click here to watch

Top tips for parents/carers

1. Encourage your child to read Just a few minutes a day can greatly impact children of all ages.

2. Read aloud regularly

Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.

3. Encourage reading choice

Give children many opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. Try leaving interesting reading material in different places around the home and see who picks it up.

4. Read together

Choose a favorite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all

5. Create a comfortable environment

Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently - or together.

6. Make use of your local library

Local libraries also offer brilliant online materials, including audiobooks and ebooks to borrow. See Libraries Connected for more digital library services and resources

7. Talk about books

Start by discussing the front cover and what it reveals and suggests the book could be about. Then talk about what you've been reading and share ideas.

8. Bring reading to life

You could try cooking a recipe you've read together. Would you recommend it to a friend?

9. Make reading active

You could organize treasure hunts related to what you're reading. Try creating your child's book using photos from your day and adding captions.

10. Create engagement

Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them