

## World Book Day 2022

Dear Parents

On **Thursday 3rd March** we will be taking part in World Book Day, with lots of book-related activities throughout the week. This year, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day - with the message for all children '**you are a reader!**' It will be filled with lots of exciting, celebratory ways to promote reading for pleasure- both as part of World Book Day, and all-year round.

### Live-stream author events

We will be taking part in a range of live author events throughout the week:

#### World Book Day LIVE with Matilda and friends

*Live from the Cambridge Theatre - home of Matilda the Musical*

An exciting line-up of authors- including Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell- will be hosted by rapper MC Grammar and live-streamed from the World Book Day website. The celebration will also feature Chris Riddell, Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Allen Fatimaharan, Hannah Lee and other special guests to be announced.

#### Reality check: books as a portal into life today

Featuring £1 book authors Ben Bailey Smith, Sharna Jackson, and Rashmi Sirdeshpande, students will learn about creating realist fiction or writing non-fiction on topical issues.

#### Using your imagination: books as a way to imagine the impossible

Featuring £1 book authors Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola, Simon Farnaby, Michael Morpurgo, Joanna Nadin and Rikin Parekh, and Nadia Shireen, students will explore creating fantastical and improbable worlds for their stories.

### Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann

*When a polar bear arrives unexpectedly in the woods, the other animals fear and avoid him, suspecting him to be dangerous - and his odd habit of collecting leaves only adds to their distrust.*

*Then one day, they watch as he attempts to fly over the water with wings made of colourful leaves... trying to get back home. Perhaps he isn't so different after all?*

Across the school, every class will be focusing on Sandra Dieckmann's picture book- Leaf. We will be using the book and its themes- relating to global warming, displacement, exclusion, family and journeys- as a stimulus for discussion, writing, science and creative work.



### **Book exchange**

At Hipsburn Primary we love talking about all things books and one of our favourite things to do is sharing a recommendation of a good book with our friends, so we are inviting all children to participate in a big book exchange!

To take part, children should bring in a book that they have read and they will then be able to exchange it for another pre-loved book. On World Book Day, children will write a review to go with their book before the exchange commences.

### **Design a potato book character!**

To celebrate our favourite book characters, we are holding a 'Design your own potato book character' whole school competition on World Book Day. Get creative and turn a potato into one of your favourite characters- you can use a range of materials in your design such as googly eyes, paint etc.

Please ensure that all potato characters are brought into school by Wednesday 2nd March for judging. There will be a winner selected from each class. We can't wait to see what you create!



### **Book tokens**

Lastly, to help encourage their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token. When you get your book token, all you need to do is take it to your local bookseller and swap it for one of the (exclusive, new and completely free) World Book Day books. Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book or audio book costing at least £2.99. You can access a digital version of your book token here:

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Happy reading!

Kind regards,

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