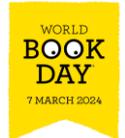




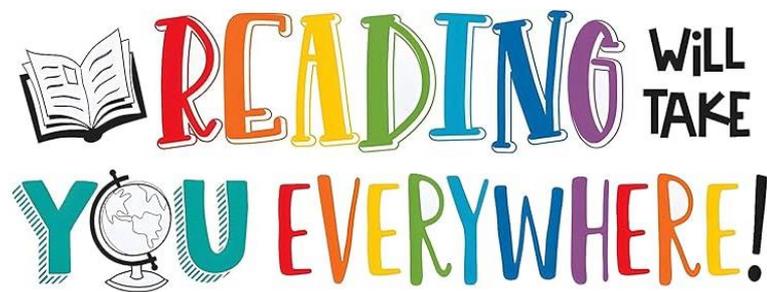
Friday 9th February 2024

Dear parents and carers,

World Book Day takes place this year on **Thursday 7th March** and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate the day, and all things reading, at Chapelford. This year's official theme is 'Read Your Way.' At Chapelford, we have decided to embrace that theme and encourage our pupils to think about the journeys that reading can take them on.



Our theme for the day is: **READING WILL TAKE YOU ANYWHERE!**



As a school, we place developing a passion and love of reading at the heart of our curriculum so we aim to celebrate this day in style! To do so, we have decided to host a whole-school super day, where each year group will be invited to become explorers and go on a journey to a part of the world through a book we have chosen especially for the day and year group. The texts we have chosen to share on World Book Day are linked to the some of cross-curricular learning your child will be completing next half term and they will complete a range of activities to fully immerse themselves into the theme and revisit key knowledge and skills. On the day, children will become authors and illustrators as they complete writing and art challenges teachers have carefully planned and this will be enhanced by the use of our state-of-the-art technology such as the VR headsets. To make this as fun and engaging as possible, this year we would love to invite children to come to school dressed up based on their year group's theme and ready to go exploring.

Year Group and Theme	Some ideas include:
EYFS: Safaris	Safari animal, explorer, safari park ranger, colours including yellow, green, brown, orange
Year 1: Ice age	Ice age animal, explorer, polar explorer, anything white/blue
Year 2: Jungles	Jungle animal, anything green, jungle explorer
Year 3: Oceans	Anything blue, ocean animal, deep-sea diver, boat crew/captain
Year 4: Volcanoes	Anything red, explorer, scientist
Year 5: Space	Aliens, rocket crew, NASA professional, anything dark/sparkly, astronaut
Year 6: Galapagos Islands	Island explorer, finch, Charles Darwin, scientist, anything blue/green

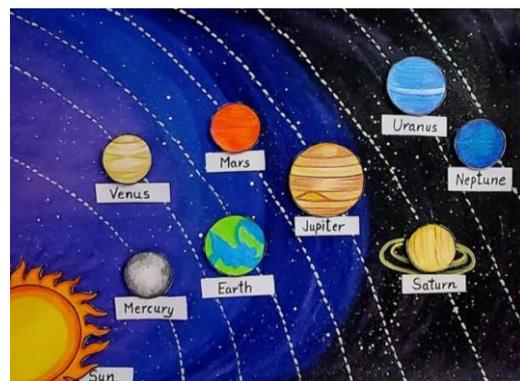
Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm and creativity of our school community. We don't want our celebrations to be an additional burden to our families or children. Dressing up or bringing books into school can be a big part of the celebrations and what families particularly enjoy about World Book Day. We encourage you to use things you already have at home to create your costume – the more imaginative and resourceful, the better! Alternatively, if your child has a World Book Day costume that is linked to their favourite book or character, they are also welcome to come dressed in that.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for our children. To encourage and support them on their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 book token which can be exchanged for any £1 book, or £1 off any full price book or audiobook. You can find out more information about this on the token given or the World Book Day website.

It's competition time! There's just under one month to go to World Book Day and we have a very creative competition running in the lead up to it. Last year's participation in the Wooden Spoon Competition blew us away and we are excited to see what this year's brings. Have you ever read a book and felt like you were actually on that beach, or you were standing on the top of that mountain or even swimming in the depths of the ocean? We want you to think about where a book has taken you and allowed you to explore and for you to use your creativity and imagination to recreate this! This could be through a piece of writing, a poem, a piece of artwork or even a 3D model of your adventure.

All entries into the competition will win a house point for their house team and our Reading Ambassadors will then pick their favourite entry from each class to win a prize and 50 house points for their house team. Reading Ambassadors will pick their top three to win a whole school 1st, 2nd and 3rd place extra-special prize!

We can't wait to see what you come up with and we look forward to celebrating this day, and all things reading, with you.



If you have any questions about World Book Day or how you can support your child reading at home, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance via email.

Yours excitedly,

The English Team.

