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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN LANCASHIRE

World Book Day 2024 - Thursday 7th March

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. World Book Day is an excellent worldwide event to encourage children to read and enjoy reading! As a school we continue to strive to ensure the children in our school choose to read, knowing the satisfaction that they will get from the act of reading.

This year we are asking the children to **make a hat for a storybook character** in the most creative way they can think of. They can make their hat in anyway they like, for example they could use recycled materials: a paper plate, an empty cereal box, a tube. Alternatively, they might want to decorate a baseball cap or woolly hat. Your child's teacher will also be giving them ideas in class, but the choice is theirs.

To encourage as many children as possible to enter, we will be rewarding the best designs in each class with a new book as a prize and recognition for their effort. The children will need to bring in their finished hats to school on World Book Day (Thursday 7th March).

Once again, this year St John's is part of a World of Stories programme. This means that on World Book Day the reading ambassadors in school will be delivering over 100 brand new books to classes across the school. The children will be able to access these new and exciting texts from their class libraries. Research shows that reading for pleasure improves children's ability to read, write and progress at school, as well as having a positive impact on their mental wellbeing and empathy.

There are also lots of other exciting events and activities taking place over the next week to promote reading; each class will receive a free book whilst visiting Waterstones and the children will also have the opportunity to watch a live performance by a famous author.

Finally, the children will need to be in uniform and a donation will not be required.

We look forward to seeing the hats the children create.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Giles & Mrs Shearman