



9<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## World Book Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

World Book Day celebrates the joy of reading, authors, illustrators and books. This year we want to make it all about the books and offer a range of ideas to promote reading. Children can wear their comfiest PJs for reading time and bring in their favourite book to share, or dress up as their favourite book character by making a simple costume or bringing in a prop/accessory, along with the related book (please put your child's name and class inside the book cover).

If possible, the character should reflect what your child is reading or a character they've got to know through one of the 'Reading for Pleasure' books in school. If your child would prefer not to dress up they can bring in an item from home that links to their favourite character or book and the class can ask questions to work out who/what book is being represented.

See [World Book Day Dress Up Ideas](#). This will lead to a better discussion about the characters and books chosen. Children might also like to make a potato or egg box book character to show. See [Make Your Favourite Book Character \(worldbookday.com\)](#)

In the UK, nearly 400,000 children don't have a book of their own. Having access to books and developing a love of reading for pleasure is vital for a child's future. Donations of £1 to the [World Book Day](#) charity will be gratefully received. A donation of £1 helps the charity to get book tokens to every child across the UK and Ireland. This cause was chosen in honour of Sheila Newman, one of our school governors who sadly passed away a few years ago. She was passionate about all children having access to books to read.

We will also be accepting any donations of children's dressing up costumes. Please hand these in to your child's class or the school office. Thank you for your support.

Finally, we would also like to invite parents to get in touch if they would like to come in and read a story to their child's class. Please email [admin@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk) if you would be interested, to arrange a time to come in.

Kind regards,



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