

Thursday 27th January 2022.

Dear Parents/Carers.

World Book Day is always a special time when the children are given lots of extra opportunities to further develop a love for reading. We want all of our children to be excellent readers and have a love of reading and books. Staff at St James have been working very hard to prepare a brilliant World Book Day event for children this year. **This year we are changing the date of World Book Day from Friday 4th March to Wednesday 2nd March, in order to fit in all the exciting things that we have planned.**

We have many exciting activities planned for children this year:

Dressing up- This year's World Book Day will have a pirate theme. We would love it if all children could come to school dressed as pirates for that day and each class will have a focus on a pirate themed book.

Competition- In EYFS (Nursery and Reception) and Key Stage 1 (Classes 3/4/5) we are inviting all children to take part in a competition, where they will be designing and making a pirate ship at home, and then bringing them in on World Book Day for a winner to be chosen in each phase. Below are some ideas.



In KS2 (Classes 6/7/8/9/10/11) we are inviting all children to take part in a competition to design and make a pirate treasure map and then bring them in on World Book Day for a winner to be chosen in each phase. Below are some ideas.



School Story- We will be writing a school pirate story with each class contributing and passing the story onto the next class for them to continue. At the end of the day this will be shared during assembly for all the children to enjoy. It should be a very exciting and intriguing story by the time all the children in each class have added their parts! We will publish the story on Seesaw and Tapestry once it is complete.

Book tokens - we are unsure if these are on paper or an electronic copy this year but please rest assured that your child will be given a World Book Day token to spend on a book of their choice.

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Virtual Library - What better way to celebrate World Book Day than to curl up and listen to a brilliant book being read to you! As always, the Oxford Owl e library will be available for parents and children to access using the passwords that were sent out earlier this academic year.

Theatre Visit- Story Magic will be visiting to present 'The Read to Achieve- Treasure Island, the treasures of stories' show. This will be an interactive magic show; bringing books, stories, characters and stories to life through the magic of theatre.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing a great World Book Day with your child!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Parkinson.

Assistant Principal and English Lead.