

Headteacher's Blog



Early Years children enjoyed learning about Shrove Tuesday.

Friday 4th March 2022
Multiple page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I hope this weeks Blog finds you happy and healthy and appreciative of the peace immediately around us. Some of the children have been discussing the current situation in Ukraine and staff have dealt with this in an age appropriate and sensitive way whilst enabling children to understand that conflict affects people in other parts of the world too. Thank you for the excellent response to our new lunchtime and after school clubs, the children really seem to be enjoying them. Thank you to parents who have taken the time to let us know their children are enjoying them, feedback is really helpful to us.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.

50/40 Lenten Appeal (50 pence for 40 days)

St Bartholomew's Church are supporting the innocent victims of war in the Ukraine. You are invited to take a prepared label home (please contact school if you would like one) and to stick it on a jam jar and each day to put in 50 pence throughout the 40 days of Lent. It's quite an easy way to support and help focus the mind on those suffering and in desperate need. If everybody at St Bart's undertakes to be a part of the 50/40 campaign they would each raise £20! Completed jars can be returned to school and we will make sure they are taken to Church.

British Science Week 11th -20th March 2022

As you will have noticed from our topic letters this half term we are really looking to develop our STEM activities with our children this year. So far we have a STEM Robotics Day planned for KS 1 and 2, lots of practical experiments in EYFS and a Fun Forensics Day across KS 2.

11-20 March
British
Science
Week
2022



Reading Dog Jess has a new role!

Jess will be back to school on a regular basis, 'listening' to readers with me. She is also going to extend her role to providing therapy and comfort as required as she has an excellent nature and already provides this service 24/7 in the Athey household! Risk assessments are in place for Jess and she is fully up to date with inoculations etc. If would like to ask any questions or have further concerns please do not hesitate to ask! For further information a good website is <https://petsastherapy.org>

Outdoor reading area

Before we develop a new library space we would like to develop an outdoor reading space now that the weather is getting better. Donations of outdoor cushions, seat pads, decorations would be gladly received

Reminders

The dates for this half term are all on our school website calendar which can be found - <https://whittingham.eschools.co.uk/website/calendar/213885>

This is updated regularly.

Attendance

As part of our drive to improve our overall school attendance figures and support families to ensure their children attend school as much as possible please contact school if you feel you would like any help and support. We will also be celebrating attendance with the children and re-introducing our class attendance award. Each Thursday I will look at the attendance across the school and a class award will be given to the class with the highest attendance of the week.

World Book Day- Thank you to parents and carers for supporting your children to come to school on WBD dressed as they chose. A fun day was had by all, celebrating the importance of reading. Some family reading activities are included on the next few pages. **Please could I also remind families at home to hear your child read every night and record this in your child's reading record.** Miss Dick (Early Reading and Phonics Lead) and I are hoping to deliver a Reading Workshop for families soon so watch this space.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

3 MARCH 2022

25 YEARS

Happy World Book Day

What is World Book Day? It is about **celebrating books and reading** all year round.

Did you know that
Reading for pleasure ...

**Increases
a child's
mental
health**

**Increases
your child's
reading
skills**

**Increases
your child's
likelihood of
being successful**

**Is about
reading
what you
choose**

**Reading for
pleasure** can
look like:

- **Listening** to an **audiobook** and available from libraries
- **Reading** on a **device**
- **Reading** the football programme
- **Reading** a magazine or newspaper
- **Listening** to someone read aloud
- **Reading** manga or comic strips



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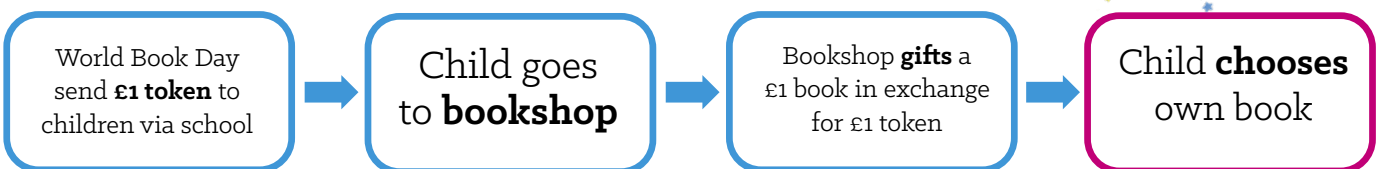
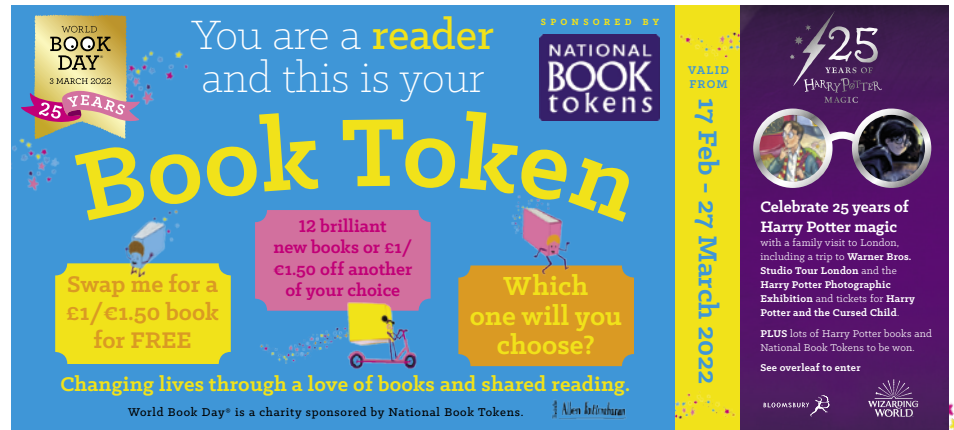
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Illustration
Allen Fatimaharan

Choose a **FREE** World Book Day book

The **£1 tokens** and **£1 books** give all children and young people the chance to choose and own a book – for free.

Your child should have received a token either in school or from one of our partners.



The token allows you to receive a **World Book Day £1 book for free**, or get £1 off a full price title (£1.50 off in Ireland) any full price book or audiobook (as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99 (or €3.99 in Ireland)). All you need is the token. The bookshop won't ask you for any information and there are no hidden costs. The World Book Day books are a gift to children and young people from booksellers and publishers.

Your local bookseller might be on a high street or could be a supermarket. Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco all stock the £1 books. You can also find your nearest bookseller at booksaremybag.com by selecting 'World Book Day'.



You might want to share the 'Look Insides' on each of the £1 book pages to help them choose their book before you visit the shop.

Helping your child read for pleasure

6 ways to help your child develop a reading for pleasure habit



- 1 Read to your child regularly** – even when they can read for themselves.
- 2 Help them have access to books at home** (this is free if you join your local library).
- 3 Let them choose what they want to read in their spare time** (don't worry about re-reading or children picking).
- 4 Make reading time fun** – find somewhere comfy for you both, do silly voices together, have a chat about the book.
- 5 Find recommendations of books that meet your child's interests** – online, at a bookshop or in a library there are lots of ways to find reading inspiration.
- 6 Make time to read** – it might be a set time every day to begin with.

Here's something fun to try... **share this illustration with your child**



You could:

- Talk about what's happening and what the characters might be thinking or feeling.
- Have a conversation as two of the characters.
- Think about situations in your own lives it reminds you of.
- Point out things you find interesting.



If exploring the picture makes you curious for more, it's from *My Hair*, by Hannah Lee, illustrated by World Book Day illustrator, Allen Fatimaharan

For more ideas on how to share stories with your child visit worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Sharing-stories-together_final.pdf



ME GRAMMAR



World Book Day Challenge

How many of these can you complete?



Share a book,
magazine, comic
or audiobook with
a family member
or friend


Ask someone
for a book
recommendation

Visit the
library



Find out where
your local bookseller
is and swap your
token for
a book

Take a photo
of yourself reading
your favourite book
or record a 15
second review



Listen to my
song and maybe
have a go at
creating your
own song

Find the most
comfortable place
to read in and
leave a book
there

Read something
you want to...even if
you've read it before
or if it's too easy/
difficult for you

Read at the
same time every
day for a week



Rap
your favourite
book



Looking for more

Reading Recommendations

Find your next read.

From poetry to graphic novels, non-fiction to books to encourage empathy, there's something for everyone.

worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/



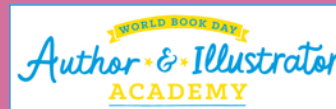
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Enjoy our exciting online events

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World Book Day Book Club

Discover exciting new books each month with the World Book Day Book Club.

We've got a great mix of books for KS2 with exclusive author and illustrator videos, question ideas and even a snack suggestion - all you need to do is read the book and get chatting!

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Share a story corner



Watch a selection of books brought to life

With animated videos including *Supertato* by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet, *Ruby's Worries* by Tom Percival and *Ravi's Roar* by Tom Percival. You can also enjoy the fun downloadable activities available for every story.

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Audiobooks

A brand-new selection of brilliant FREE audiobooks will be available for World Book Day 2022.

Available from from
18 February – 28 March 2022.

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Win!

Enter one of our competitions to win brilliant book prizes

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What to **READ** if your child likes . . .

We've worked with our friends at Wonderland Bookshop wonderlandbookshop.co.uk an independent specialist children's bookshop, have helped us come up with some easy read titles for children who love...

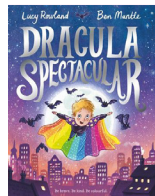
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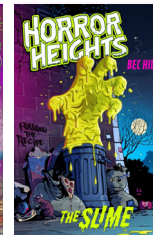
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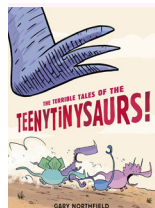
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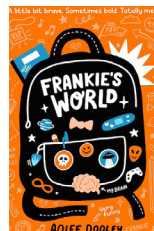
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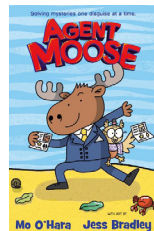
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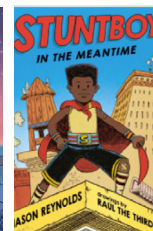
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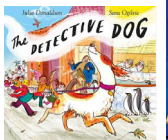


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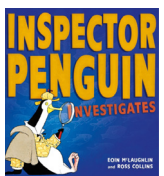


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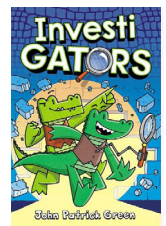
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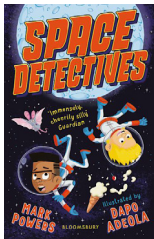
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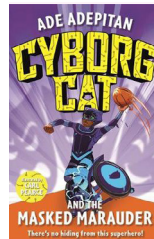
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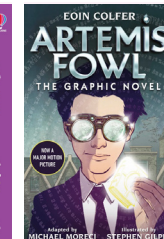
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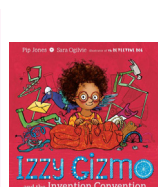


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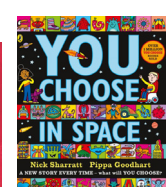
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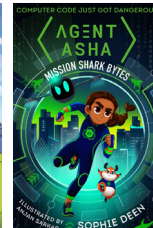
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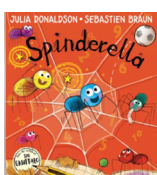


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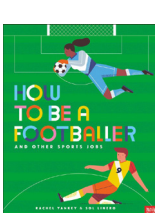
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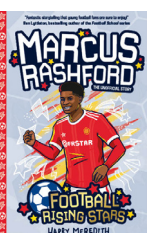
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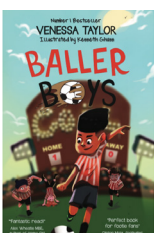
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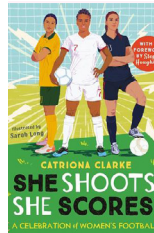
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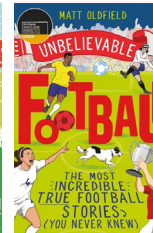
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