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Dear Parents/Carers,

Book week this year will take place from **Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March**. As part of our celebrations for World Book Day 2023 '**You are a Reader**' here are some of the events we have arranged for the children:

Come to School Dressed as a Word! - Thursday 2nd March

Due to the success of last year and our continual focus across the school on improving our vocabulary, we thought it would be great for the children to come dressed as a word of their choice. We are hoping that this will reflect the higher-level vocabulary that the children have been learning in their lessons and that it gives them a chance to use their imaginations. We don't expect you to buy any costumes but use what you have at home to create your designs. For example, you may choose the word 'fragile' and come dressed in bubble wrap or 'celebratory' and pin balloons and party poppers to clothes. There are lots of different ideas on Pinterest and your child will have a chance to choose a word in class, with the help of their teacher. Prizes will be given to the most imaginative ideas and we are very much looking forward to trying to guess all the different words!

Author Visit and Workshops

We are very excited to be welcoming Dorien Brouwers, to Nene Valley on Monday 27th February. Dorien is an author and illustrator and she has published several books. Her book SAIL, recently won an award at the World Illustration Awards, a major accolade as there were over 5000 entries from 77 countries.

Dorien will be talking to the children about how books are made and then directing them in workshops, to create some art/illustrations based on her books. If your child would like to buy one of her books before the workshop, Dorien has very kindly agreed to sign them on the day.

EYFS and Phase 1-2 will be focusing on her book Wild Beings, Phase 3-4 The Remarkable Pigeon and Phase 5-6 SAIL. All of her books can be found on Amazon or at Waterstones.

Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from **Tuesday 7th March to Friday 10th March**. The Book Fair will be available each day after school (located outside the school hall). The children will have the opportunity to look at the books during the week with their class and purchase them after school.

You will be able to pay using a credit or debit card, by scanning the QR codes that will be on display around the book fair. World Book Day vouchers can be used towards the cost of a book.

Please come along and support the Book Fair as we earn commission from the number of books sold, which then goes towards new books for our school.

World Book Day Vouchers

Your child will be given a World Book Day token during book week. This voucher entitles them to one free £1 World Book Day book. These can be redeemed in WH Smiths or Waterstones.



Competition- Wooden Spoon Book Characters.

We would like to challenge the children to be creative and transform a wooden spoon into a book character of their choice. If you don't have a wooden spoon, you could use a stick. There will be a prize for the most creative design for each phase. Please bring all entries into school by **Monday 27th February**, clearly labelled with the child's name and class.



Book Hunt

Books will be wrapped up and hidden around each class. Each package will contain biscuits and hot chocolate. If a child finds the book, they can unwrap it and take it home to share with their family. We ask though that it is returned the next day, so it can be wrapped up and hidden again for someone else to enjoy.

Live Author Events and Workshops

During the week, the children will have different opportunities in their classes to engage in different author events and workshops.

A brand-new selection of **FREE** audiobooks will be available for World Book Day. These will be available from worldbookday.com/world-of-stories from Thursday 16th February. Audiobooks are a brilliant way of enjoying stories, whether you're reading together with the family, or listening in your own time.

We hope the children really enjoy the events we have planned. If you have any questions about any of these events, please do not hesitate to ask.

Many thanks, in advance for your support.

Kind regards

Mrs Stainsby
(English Leader)

