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WORLD BOOK DAY

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you had a nice break over half term and are now looking forward to the return to school, as we are. As I'm sure many of you are aware, next week, on the **4th March**, is World Book Day. We are busy arranging some activities for the week that will continue to promote reading for pleasure as well as making the day itself an enjoyable one for the children.

For the week beginning 1st March, when it is your child's day for their small group learning meeting, we will ask them to talk about a favourite book. If they wish, they are welcome to bring objects as clues to help us to guess their favourite, before showing their book of choice.

On **Wednesday 3rd**, Arabic storyteller, Alia from the **Settle Stories** group is going to be performing live online. They invite us to: *'Step inside the story and be delighted for a mischievous hour as she recounts some of the lesser-known stories from the timeless collection of the Arabian Nights.'*

Storytelling is an ancient oral art-form that brings people across the world together. At this time of social distancing and isolation, they believe it is essential that we share stories that unite and inspire us. There are two live performances tailored to different Key Stage groups:

KS1 SHOW: (9.30-10.15am on Wed 3rd March) is suitable for KS1 (ages 5-7)

KS2 SHOW: (1.30-2.15pm on Wed 3rd March) is suitable for KS2 (ages 7-11)

These are completely free of charge but to participate, you will need to register in advance by following this link: <http://www.settlestories.co.uk/>

On **Thursday 4th**, the morning class zoom meeting will be an opportunity to introduce World Book Day to the children. If your child would like to dress up as their favourite book character and upload their photograph to Tapestry or Seesaw, they are very welcome to do so. This is entirely optional.

This year, we would love to find out about the childrens' favourite places to read. Your child might like to create a cosy reading den with household items or show us a comfortable (perhaps unusual) place to curl up with a book! Please could we ask that any photos of your children reading in their special spot, be posted on Seesaw or Tapestry. We hope to create a school display as a celebration of reading. For the rest of the day, there will be some other book-related activities for the children to enjoy.

We will also be posting a Masked Reader Challenge! Staff members from across the school will share a favourite book for the children to enjoy. There is the twist that their faces will be covered by a child friendly mask to hide their identity! Can the children work out who is behind each mask? Details of this to follow.

Finally, to claim your World book token, and to find out more about how it can be spend, click on this link: [£1 book token](#)

Mrs Walker-Smith and Mrs Hostein

Reading Subject Leaders

