

## World Book Day - The Gift of Books

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The teachers are busy planning lots of additional activities throughout that week for children to explore books, share stories and for this to feed into creative writing.

One of our priorities at the moment is to revamp our class libraries and to update our books. We have recently purchased brand new books for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to support their phonics learning and later this term we will submit a bid to the Foyle Foundation School Library Grant Scheme to try to secure funding to update the books in KS2.

For World Book Day this year, instead of dressing up as their favourite character, we wondered if families might like to donate a book to the school that the children can add to their class libraries.

To make this is easy as possible, we have created an Amazon Wishlist for each class with carefully selected titles that we think would really complement our current books. If they wish, parents could choose a title from the Wishlist and purchase from their Amazon account, with delivery direct to the school. We have heard of similar things in other schools and we'd love the children to experience the same buzz and excitement as a parcel is delivered to their classroom with a new book inside. There's also the option to leave a note within the delivery options, to say why you as a family chose that particular book.

It is important to say that the books do not have to be new. Amazon often show options for 'very good' and 'good' second hand books which can often be under £1! Similarly, if any of our families have any of the titles at home already and would be willing to donate, they could be wrapped up (by you or by us) and brought into school, labelled for the appropriate class to be delivered to them.

<u>Explorers Wishlist</u> <u>Pathfinders Wishlist</u> <u>Adventurers Wishlist</u> <u>Navigators Wishlist</u>

Finally, please do not feel under any pressure to join in with this idea. We know that the last two years have been financially very challenging for many families and that this may not be something that everyone is in a position to support right now. We do still have some great books in school and all children in every class will continue to get the opportunity to read and enjoy books every day no matter what.

Kind regards,

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