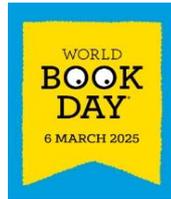




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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, at Willow Lane reading is at the heart of everything we do! We love books so we are very excited to let you know all about our plans for **World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **Dressing up**

Firstly, as you are aware many of us will be dressing up as a book character. You could choose any book character you wish from a story – it is completely up to you. Please do not feel that you need to spend money on a costume that will only be worn once, feel free to get creative and use anything you have at home and add to it with crafts. However, this year (if your child would prefer) you are welcome to come in favourite pyjamas and bring a favourite book. There will be two prizes per class for the best costumes which will be presented in our World Book Day assembly.

### **Reading breakfast**

In the morning, before school, we will be having a very special reading breakfast! This will be from 8:20 onwards and we will be serving croissants, jam and juice as well as the usual options. In the hall, you will find lots of cosy places to sit, curl up and read with your child. You can select books from places around the hall Everyone is very welcome!

### **What will happen during the day?**

In the morning, we will be having a spectacular World Book Day assembly for the whole school where the children can show off their costumes. Prizes will be given as well as displaying all the amazing puppets completed at home (see below.) In the afternoon, pupils will take part in lots of fun book crafts such as creating and designing settings, story maps, bookmarks and illustrations using art materials or on the iPads. We will also be choosing to listen to a story from mystery storytellers at the end of the day in our Celebrity Readers session. Finally, your child will come home with a book token to get a free book from a local shop e.g. Waterstones, Sainsbury's or the Works.

### **What can we do at home?**

In addition to this, we would love for you to get involved at home. This year, it would be brilliant if you could please create a character puppet. For this, you will need some craft materials. You could make your puppet using an old wooden spoon, a toilet or kitchen roll tube, a paper bag or a sock. If the inspiration takes you, you could create a glove, finger puppet or even a marionette! There are some photos for ideas and inspiration on the second page of this letter (*available on the school website letters page*). We can't wait to see your amazing creations – feel free to draw, paint, cut, sew or glue and most importantly – have fun!

We are so looking forward to an amazing day celebrating the love of books.  
Many thanks for your continued support,  
Miss S. Frankland (English Subject Lead)



