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Dear Middle School parents and carers,

This year, we will mark World Book Day on **Thursday 7 March** and we hope you will join us as we come together to celebrate in school. Every year on World Book Day we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community, and we are excited to share this day with you once again. We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day (and week!):

Reading to our children and sharing books

Please send your child's favourite or chosen book in with them throughout the week so they can share this with their friends. Each class will have a special 'book club' session, where they will have an opportunity to enjoy class texts, share their own books with friends and talk about book recommendations.

We will be dressing up this year. Please see our two dressing up options below:

-  As usual, children can dress up as their favourite book characters and we encourage you to use things you already have at home. We cannot wait to talk about your favourite books!
-  King's Oak Academy Middle and Upper School colleagues have a staff dressing up theme: in teams, we will be dressing up as characters from chosen authors to really keep everyone guessing! We are looking forward to children guessing which author each team is representing! Children are also welcome to form groups from their favourite authors, however, there is no obligation to do this and all book-related dress up will be welcome and celebrated. If your child is not keen on dressing up and would prefer to wear their school uniform as usual, this is also something they can do on the day.

Other World Book Day Activities on World Book Day and beyond:

We cannot wait for our action-packed Book Week! This year, our aim is to create a buzz around books and for the children to see themselves as authors, storytellers, and illustrators. Our events will help stimulate our learner's creative writing and all children will focus their learning around a chosen text:



Year 5:

'Flooded' by Mariago Illustrajo



Year 6:

'The Promise' by Nicola Davies



Year 7:

'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens

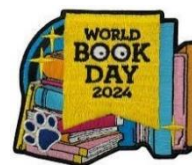


Year 8:

Gothic Literature

Year 5/6 - World Book Day assembly

Children across the primary phase will come together for a special World Book Day assembly to talk about reading habits, favourite books and authors and share book recommendations.



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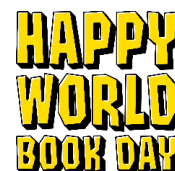
During the week, our pupils will have an opportunity to share books with their older and younger friends across the school. We had such great fun talking about books across year groups last year that we have decided to repeat this event once again!

Librarian Visit - Friday 8 March

We are fortunate to have a special visit booked from a local Kingswood librarian who will join us on **Friday 8 March** and read to all children across the primary phase. We are really excited to make this connection with the local library and look forward to future partnership work.

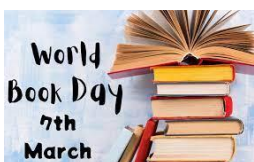
Year 7/8 - Guess the Department, English Teacher Quote Hunt

Children across the secondary phase will come together for special 'Guess the Department' and 'English Teacher Quote Hunt' challenges. We are looking forward to finding out which tutor group had most success in this!



Middle School - Lunchtime Activity Week

Children across Middle School will be able to join in a range of activities during lunchtimes throughout the week:



- Guest Readers
- WBD Mask Making
- WBD Arts and Crafts
- Live 'Book Tok' Recommendations
- Costume Competitions with Guest Judges and with prizes

Masked Reader

During the week, our children will be read to by 'masked readers.' Tutor groups will have to work together to try to use their detective skills to unmask the participants! Children in Years 5/6 will also have an opportunity to take part in this themselves!



Middle School: Travelling Book Fair - Monday 19 March – Thursday 21 March: A Scholastic Book Fair is a pop-up book shop that brings the best in children's books to your school.

Every Book Fair is packed with hundreds of the best children's books for all ages – from award-winners and the newest titles to pocket-money pick-ups and treasured classics. The range includes picture books, early readers, chapter books, books for reluctant readers, older fiction, non-fiction, home learning and lots more.

Children will have an opportunity to explore these books during the school day and parents/carers will be able to drop in and purchase books at the end of the school day, 3pm - 3.30pm. Purchasing details will follow once the Book Fair has arrived.

We are very much looking forward to celebrating the World Book Day and other reading events which could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Sharing stories together

Children love spending time looking at books with adults. It makes a big difference to their futures to **spend 10 minutes a day sharing a story**. There are no right or wrong ways to read out loud but sometimes it can be tricky to know where to begin. Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started:



- **I wonder...**
Ask open questions about how characters are feeling or what might happen next or why things are in the illustration.
- **Bring the book to life...**
Make faces, use voices, include actions – have fun together!
- **That reminds me of...**
Make personal connections.
- **What have you seen there?**
Follow their interests.
- **That's made me feel...**
Let your child know how the events of the story have affected you.
- **Oo look at that!**
Let them know what you have noticed.
- **Again, again...**
Re-reading is a great source of comfort for children – and a chance to spot things that you didn't see first time round. Challenge yourself to spot something new each time.

This guide is based on the work of The Open University. For further tips and advice on how to enjoy sharing and reading stories together, visit their website [here](#) for helpful videos and resources.



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