

**25 February 2025**

Dear Parent/Carer,

World Book Day 2025 is fast approaching and takes place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. The theme is **Read Your Way**, celebrating the reading that children choose to do in their free time without judgement. **Read Your Way** encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and lets children find fun in reading. This is something we are very passionate about at Carr Junior School.

Nurseries, schools and libraries across the UK will be celebrating World Book Day with a huge range of events and activities. We would love to celebrate World Book Day in style but without putting pressure on parents to provide costumes. We would like the children to come to school in their comfiest reading clothes or pyjamas and to bring with them **three items** that would give clues to a children's book character. For example, children may bring a red ribbon, a book and jar of honey to represent Roald Dahl's Matilda. Throughout the day, the children will be playing 'Guess Who?' in their classes to work out what character each child has represented through their three items.

Throughout the day we have planned lots of fun, reading based activities for the children to enjoy. We will be going on a book character treasure hunt, competing with our friends in a book themed quiz, reading with other children in school and using our creative and artistic skills to redesign a book cover. We hope that this will be a fun, action packed day centred around our love of reading!

### **Competition Time!**

World Book Day is a fantastic opportunity for the whole family to get involved in reading and related activities. This year we would love to host a competition for children to complete with someone at home. We would love you to decorate a spoon to look like a character from a book. Please bring your entry to the school office on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Entries will be judged and there will be prizes for the winners which will be given out in one of our Carr celebration assemblies.



## Book Fair

This year we have arranged a Book Fair! Unfortunately, due to high demand, this could not take place on World Book Day itself but will happen on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. Each class will spend 20/30 mins with Derek from Primary Books where he will read riddles and stories as well as give children an opportunity to browse and/or buy books. If children would like to buy a book, please remember to send them to school with some money to make a purchase. They will soon come home with an envelope to put their money in. Children can also reserve books with Derek for parents/carers to purchase at the end of the day where the book fair will be open for approximately 30 mins to an hour for parents/carers to browse and purchase books with the children. Children can also use their World Book Day tokens to either take £1 off the cost of any book over the value of £2.99 or to purchase one of the World Book Day books (subject to availability). They will be given their World Book Day tokens prior to the fair.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help motivate them with their reading journey, children receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token. With books for beginning, early, fluent and independent readers, there is something for everyone!

Your child's token will be given to them in class and can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day by visiting your local bookshop.

Here at Carr Junior School we recognise the value of reading and want to encourage our Carr Stars to read for pleasure. You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books and reading well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and talking about books, authors and illustrators that you enjoy. If you are not already a member, why not think about joining your local library?

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are phenomenal. So we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate reading with your child.

We have recently updated our Amazon Wishlist with lots of non-fiction books that we think the children will enjoy linked to their Big Ideas in school. If you would like to donate a book to Bookend Cottage, please use the following link <https://amzn.eu/9JJu0KR>

We really do appreciate your continued help and support here at Carr Junior School. Thank you!

Yours faithfully

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