

"Pupils really enjoy reading. They relish taking part in the school's reading challenges and many are 'reading ambassadors'. Pupils talk excitedly about the wide range of different books they have read. Older pupils help younger children with their reading. Reading is at the heart of school life." Ofsted, December 2022

## MEADGATE SCHOOL'S BOOK WEEK 2023: Monday 27th February – Friday 3rd March

Dear parents and carers,

From Monday 27th February Meadgate School will be celebrating reading and our love of books. Teachers are planning a range of book-centred activities to excite and engage your children but we would also like to invite you to help your children make the most of book week with a range of activities that parents and carers can get involved with too. This year's book week has the theme 'reading in the community'.

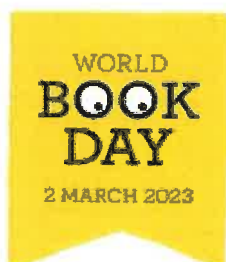
### New Competition: Book Bingo!

We know that you are all up for a challenge, so this year every child in the school will be bringing home a book bingo sheet which doesn't just challenge children to read in unusual places but also to different friends and family members. The aim is to get four-in-a-row, horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Perhaps some children will challenge themselves to getting a full house! Please sign your child's book bingo every time they complete a challenge, send them into school with their sheet and teachers will be awarding house points. There will be prizes for children who go the extra mile! Please hand in by Friday 3rd March.

### Book Bingo - Places and People

Read doing some of these activities then write in the gap what you read, who you read to or where you were. Get your parents to sign to show you've completed it. Take this to your teacher to get it ticked off. Can you read four in a row? Can you read the full house?

Read to someone under 5 Signed: _____	Read during breakfast Signed: _____	Read on an outdoor seat Signed: _____	WILDCARD – you choose! Signed: _____
Read to a parent Signed: _____	Read to someone over 80 Signed: _____	Read in bed Signed: _____	Read to your teddy Signed: _____
Read with a friend Signed: _____	Read in the bath Signed: _____	Read in your favourite place Signed: _____	Read on a bean bag or cushion Signed: _____
Read at the weekend Signed: _____	Read on a journey Signed: _____	Read to a family member Signed: _____	Read outside Signed: _____



### World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help each child on their reading journey, each child has a £1 voucher attached to this letter which they can use to purchase books at a reduced cost. The voucher can also be exchanged for one of TEN special £1 World Book Day books available at book stores.

#### On Thursday 2nd March:

**KS1 will have a dress up day** – your child can come dressed as a book character!

**KS2 need to come with a clue AND a mime!** We would like to invite the children to bring or

wear to school an item that gives a clue to a book character from one of their favourite books, (e.g. a Gryffindor scarf, a bucket of dinosaurs, a peach) and to bring the book with them to school. They may also choose to mime a part of the book too!

We will have a chance to see everyone's costumes and creativity and guess some clues in a special book assembly that day.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic book fair will arrive on Thursday 23rd February and be in the school until Wednesday 1st March. The fair will be open every afternoon once the children have been dismissed from class until 3:45. As always, there will be a very good range of quality fiction and non-fiction available to purchase. You can of course, use your World Book Day voucher to get a £1 discount off your chosen book!

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school. All books bought by you will earn the school commission in new books so we appreciate your custom very much.

Happy reading!

*C.D. Pateman*

Ms Christina Pateman,  
English Subject Leader



# 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](https://ourfp.org/supporting-rah/book-chat-reading-with-your-child/) for helpful videos and resources.



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