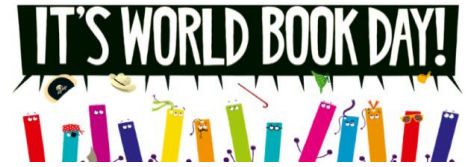


Research shows that: **“Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background.”**

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,



It's that wonderful time of year again! World Book Day will be a bit different to previous years as most children will not be on site and sadly we cannot have our popular book fair at Meadgate or storytellers to visit. However, please do not feel disheartened as the staff at Meadgate hope to make this day a celebratory occasion of books and reading and you are still able to play a big part in the fun – in fact your support will be very much appreciated!

We would love you to choose some activities from a bingo-style board (attached) to celebrate books with your children at home. We know that many of you have been busy crafting or cooking with your children during lockdown, so there are some book-related activities like this to do. There are also opportunities for your children to see and hear books being read online and to take part in some live events via the World Book Day website. And, of course, it wouldn't be World Book Day without some dressing up or face paint!

The bingo board of ideas is being sent to you in advance so you can choose a few things to do at home on Thursday 4th March that will work for your family and to make sure you have the resources to hand (however, it is likely that most things you will need will be in your house already). The ideas work for the very youngest and oldest children in our school community so if you decide to make potato book characters for instance, the whole family can join in!

[Share a Story Reading Stars \(worldbookday.com\)](https://worldbookday.com)

The Share A Story Reading Star game has been created on the World Book Day website to encourage children to enjoy books and reading at home and to have a bit of fun with all the exciting ways you can share stories – not just at bedtime! The children tick off a reading star (either online or on paper) each time they complete a reading task. Please encourage your children to take part throughout March to help them develop further that important positive attitude to books and reading. Thank you!

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We would love to see any photos of any reading or book-related activities your children do. Please send your children in with photos from Monday 8th March - they can then be quarantined and shared within class assemblies.

Many of you remember that at this time of year the children are given a £1 book voucher. As most children will be home learning for World Book Day, we have registered for a digital £1 token that families can use against online purchases. We will let you know as soon as soon as we are given these.

Reading with children has a positive impact on their well-being and mental health. It builds their imagination and empathy, expands their vocabulary and develops their communication skills. Now, more than ever, we need books and reading in all our lives. Spending just ten minutes a day reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their outcome and it is fun for all involved.

Thank you for making a difference.

Happy reading! Christina Pateman, English Subject Leader

