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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to inform you that World Book Day takes place on Thursday 04 March and usually the children would receive a £1 book token at school. We know that some children will still be working at home during this time so to make sure nobody misses out on this fantastic opportunity we will be sending you a link which allows you to print off a £1 book token at home.

As a school, we have decided that we are going to celebrate World Book Day on **Friday 05 March** by inviting all children to dress up as their **favourite book character**.

We know that, with the 08 March fast approaching, parents and children will already be feeling a little bit worried and anxious, and we do not want to add to any of those anxieties. However, we feel that this is an important day for the children to celebrate the joy of reading, as well as the importance of reading for pleasure. With this in mind, the aim is not to cause any extra expense or the need to have to purchase anything new - you can get creative and use the things that you already have at home!

Some suggestions of characters and the items you may need are listed below:

- Mr Bump: blue top and trousers, a few bandages or toilet roll
- Peter Rabbit: blue jacket, brown trousers, some face paint or eyebrow pencil, ears and/or tail which could be made from cardboard
- Where's Wally: stripey top/hat/socks/tights, some round glasses which could be made or drawn on
- A pirate: a hat, an eye patch made or drawn on, clothes from home
- Stick Man: brown clothes, a few sticks or leaves

In school, we will be sharing topic related stories throughout the day and the teachers will be sharing some of their favourite stories with the children too. At home you can access the Year Group's online learning platform to view the teachers reading these stories and find out about the other activities that have been planned. We have also set up a 'Guess the Masked Reader' challenge for you, which you can access via the school Facebook Page. Can you guess who **all** of the teachers reading the stories are?

As an extra challenge at **home**, we are encouraging **all children** to take part in the Reading Stars game that has 12 different reading activities for your child to complete. When completed you can print out your child's certificate at home. We will be sending you a link to both of these documents.

We cannot wait to see everyone's favourite book character! If you are celebrating from home, we would love you to send in your pictures and videos to the Year Group emails or Tapestry for children in Year R.

Yours sincerely

Miss Briscoe
Reading Manager