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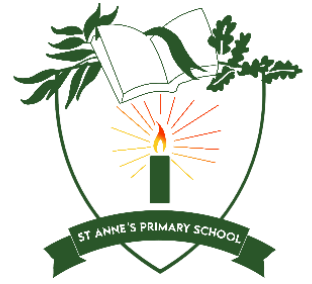
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Dear Parents,

World Book Day this year, is on **Thursday 7th March** when we will be celebrating our love of reading for the whole week. This year the focus will again be on poetry.

All the children will be given a book token to spend on a book of their choice. Please take a look at the fantastic choice on the World Book Day website. <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

We will be starting the week by celebrating Pjama Day on **Monday 4th March**. Children can wear suitable pyjamas but no slippers; as well as bring along one of their favourite bedtime story to share with the class.

On **Thursday 7th of March** children are asked to dress as their favourite book character **OR** in mufti. We would also like them to bring in a copy of their favourite poem or nursery rhyme to share with their class. If you would like some inspiration, please visit the World Book Day official site for ideas. <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

During the week the older classes will be buddied up with younger classes where they will spend some time reading, storytelling and sharing poems together.

Some useful poetry websites for you to enjoy:

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/poetry-for-children/>

<https://www.poetry4kids.com/>

<https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/books-for-children/best-poems-for-children-julia-donaldson>

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books and poetry, well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining the local library if you are not yet members.

Ms Dimech remembers.....I remember learning the poem 'The Highwayman' as a child and I have fond memories of performing it to the parents, alongside my classmate. We would love you as a family to practise and perform poems together. Or you could take a photo of you performing your poem. What a wonderful memory that would be. With your permission, these could be added to our website. Please do share these with us!

Ms Wilder remembers...One of my favourite poems is 'On the Ning Nang Nong' by Spike Milligan. It is a nonsense poem, which uses rhyme and made-up words to create rhythm. This poem must be appreciated for what it is, namely a play on words, none of which make any sense. It is a poem that works as pure music. The sounds of the words are what matters, not what they might mean. Where the Cows go Bong!

There are a lot of wonderful books due to be released in 2024. Please have a look at the link below for some new, exciting books.

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/blog/2024-preview-brilliant-childrens-books-to-look-forward-to-next-year-6567>

Please also remember to check at home for any reading or Accelerated Reader books and return them to school.

Kind regards

Ms Dimech (English Lead) Miss Wilder (Reading Lead)

Last year I shared this poem with you, and I am sharing it again, because I enjoyed reading it so much.

Books

Here's to books what a great invention,
Countless stories, too many to mention!
They take you to places beyond your reality,
Some are escapism, some give you clarity!
What I love about books – they depend on your mood,
For bookworms essential, the words are like food.
As you begin reading, whatever you've chosen,
The words create pictures, your body stays frozen.
There's crime and romance and comedy too,
How to be happy and quotes just for you!
Words to inspire and also distress
Some disappoint and some can impress!
Poems, non-fiction a newspaper story,
Enjoy, its delightful words in their glory!
Reading with children is such a delight,
At bedtime, a favourite, then off with the light!
So here's to the authors and wherever you look,
You will find magic inside a book!
A gift of words, all wrapped up in a paper,
To treasure forever and read again later!

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