



Gilbertstone Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to be involved in World Book Day on **Thursday 6 March**. The day will be dedicated to reading and exciting book related activities.

World Book Day's mission is to offer every child the opportunity to experience choosing and owning a book for free. As part of the event every child in school will receive a book token. World Book Day's work is based on the evidence of what encourages children to read for pleasure. This tells us there are 6 elements which support a child to **read for pleasure**.

- Being read to regularly
- Access to books at home
- The ability for children to choose what they want to read
- Having trusted adults and peers sharing and recommending books
- The reading experience being enjoyable
- Designated time to read.



Theme:

This year's theme is **'Read Your Way'**. World Book Day is here to unlock the fun of reading! The 'Read Your Way' campaign asks everyone to let go of pressures and give children the joy of reading on their own terms.

Dress-up:

This year, we are inviting children to come to school in their pyjamas/comfiest reading 'chill out' clothes. We will have several opportunities where children will enjoy a story time and want to encourage a cozy and comfy environment.

Home project - Create a 'Book-in-a-box':

We are inviting all children across the school to take part in a creative home project by making a 'Book in a box'. The idea is to design and decorate a box to represent a favourite book, bringing the story to life with characters, scenes, objects. Children should bring their completed boxes into school between Wednesday 5th March - Friday 7th March. One winner from each EYFS, KS1 and KS2 will receive a chosen book to enjoy. Boxes will be showcased around school for all to enjoy. For space purposes, we ask that boxes be no bigger than a shoe/cereal box. Please ensure they are labelled with your child's name and class.



We hope these activities will make World Book Day a special and memorable experience for all our pupils, celebrating the joy of reading in a fun and engaging way. There will be no PE on World Book Day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Evans, Miss Peace & Miss Evans

