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Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. We are inviting children and staff to dress up as their favourite children's book characters for a day of fun reading activities.

We are also going to celebrate our love of reading by hosting another 'Book Swap' at 3.30pm. Lots of our children have books at home that they have read many times or outgrown and this will give you a chance to get some new books ...for free! Before World Book Day, bring into school any books that you want to swap and you will be given a ticket for the number of books you brought (eg. if you bring in three books, you can swap them for three other books). At 3.30pm, you will be able to enter the book swap through the main entrance.

As well as the book swap, children can take part in 'The Great Character Hunt'. Hidden around school will be characters from our favourite children's books and facts about the authors for you to find. Write down the names of the characters that you find and return to the hall for a reward!

Everyone is welcome, so even if you don't have any books you want to swap this time, please come along to enjoy 'The Great Character Hunt' with your children.

'Let the Adventure Begin!' Story Writing Competition

Earlier this half term, we spoke with our children about their ideas for how we could inspire and engage them even more in their writing. A very popular idea they had was to host a story writing competition!

The competition is open to all children in all year groups. The title for their writing is 'Let the Adventure Begin!' and can be up to 1000 words long. It may be a short adventure story, but pictures with captions or comic book stories would also be very welcome. **The final date for entries is Wednesday 26th February.**

Each year group will have a prize winner which will be judged by our talented Year 5 Reading Ambassadors (Year 5 entries will be judged by the teaching staff so that ambassadors can still enter). The overall winner will then be selected by Mr Parkinson himself to be read to the whole school in assembly on World Book Day!

Good luck and happy writing!

Kind regards,

Mrs Daley