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World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

World Book Day will be held on Thursday 7th March this year and we cannot wait to share and celebrate our love of books and reading with you. Reading is one, if not the most important skill we can possibly have, which is why it forms the foundation of our whole school curriculum. Throughout the day, the children's learning will be focused around books and how reading can develop our creativity and inspire us to write more. This is such a powerful tool and allows us to fully immerse ourselves in the incredible stories we read and go on adventures and journeys with our favourite characters that we could only dream of!

Dress up as your Favourite Book character!

We are inviting all children, and staff, to dress up as their favourite children's book characters for a day of fun reading activities. Based on last year's efforts, we know we are in for a treat so we are incredibly excited about seeing who you decide to be this year! Pupils can also choose to wear pyjamas and bring a teddy. We will be factoring in regular DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read) over the day, where children stop what they are doing, find a comfy spot and curl up with a good book.

Book in Box Competition

To celebrate World Book Day this year on March 7th, we will be holding a 'Book in a Box' competition in school. Entries must come into school on or before World Book Day and will be judged by the Junior Government, the winners will be announced in assembly the following day. The prizes for the winners will be as follows:

EYFS—£15 of National Book Tokens

KS1—£15 of National Book Tokens

KS2—£15 of National Book Tokens

There will also be a range of reading themed prizes for 2nd and 3rd place for each key stage.

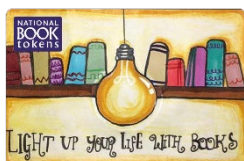
Book Tokens:

This World Book Day, children have a choice of wonderful stories to choose from, depending on what catches their eye and appeals to their interests. There is something for every kind of reader. Visit the World Book day website to explore these and have a sneak preview of the books on offer and find out more information.



Design a National Book Token Competition

Halfpenny Lane will be once again taking part in the National Book Tokens' **Design a National Book Token** competition. The nationwide contest encourages children of all ages to share their creativity – and their love for books and reading – by designing their own fabulous gift cards! The winning entrants can bag HUNDREDS of pounds worth of National Book Tokens for their school.



To take part, ask your class teacher for a card template and get your child to design a brand new National Book Tokens gift card – something that would really jump out at booklovers from the till point of their favourite bookshop. A panel of judges will select a winner and runner-up in each of three age categories: up to 8 years and 9-12 years.

This year the theme of the competition is '**Read Your Way**'. Children can interpret this any way they like to celebrate and communicate the joy that comes from choosing to read, as well as choosing which books to read. The closing date for entries is Monday 1st April. Winners will be announced in May.

We hope our children enjoy the day and range of activities we have planned.

Good luck and happy designing!