



MANOR COURT Community Primary School

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World Book Day and Rock Up and Read!

Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading. At Manor Court, we will next be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. The mission for the day is to promote reading for pleasure, offering the opportunity for all pupils to be given a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see more children with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

This year, we are inviting pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite book character if they so wish, but we are mindful that dressing-up clothes can be expensive, so there is no need to buy anything new unless you choose to. There is also the option for pupils to wear their own comfy pyjamas to school, as we know a lot of our pupils enjoy reading at bedtime, their favourite everyday clothes, or they can wear their normal school uniform. The children may choose to bring in a prop from their favourite book, or just the book itself.

The children will be taking part in a range of fun activities; they will complete a character trail around the school, they will visit another year group to complete a reading swap, there will be the opportunity to visit the reading café, and there will be a special assembly.

Rock Up and Read sessions

As part of our school drive to encourage reading for pleasure, we would like to invite you to join us and your children in school for a 'Rock up and Read' session. This is an initiative we successfully ran last term, and would like to do so again after half term to celebrate a love of books and reading either side of World Book Day, which we will celebrate in school on Thursday 7th March 2024.

We welcome you to come into school to read with your child/ren **in the school hall from 8:50am** on the dates below:

Year Group - Classes	Date
Early Years Centre	Monday 4 th March 2.30pm (at EYC)
Foundation Stage - Hedgehogs & Squirrels	Thursday 14 th March
Year 1 Bumblebees & Dragonflies	Wednesday 28 th February
Year 2 Magpies & Nightingales	Thursday 29 th February
Year 3 Kingfishers & Owls	Monday 11 th March
Year 4 Eagles & Puffins	Thursday 7 th March (World Book Day)
Year 5 Badgers & Foxes	Wednesday 6 th March
Year 6 Hérons & Otters	Monday 26 th February

You will need to enter the school building via the doors along the top corridor by the hall, and you will need to sign in. In the hall, you can listen to your child read, or you can read to them. Each year group has been given a different designated day to ensure that parents can support as many of their children as possible.

If you cannot attend this term, please don't worry. We will ensure every child has a reading partner by inviting different classes in to share their books.

The Manor Court Early Years Centre will also be taking part, but the session will be held in the Early Years Centre building, not the school hall. They will be open for an afternoon session (2.30pm) on Monday 4th March for you to pop in and support your younger children.

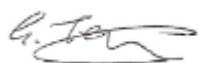
Reading environment

As well as reading 5 times a week at home, daily guided reading sessions and reading 1:1 with adults in school, we have also pledged for all our pupils to visit Chard Library throughout the year.

We want our pupils to be the best readers they can be. With this in mind, we are trying to make our reading corners and book areas in our classrooms as welcoming as possible. If you have any unwanted bunting, rugs or cushions that could be used, as well as any books you no longer read at home, please send them in so we can create the best reading environment we can in school.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions regarding World Book Day, Rock up and Read sessions, or any other part of your child's education, please speak to me or your child's class teacher.

With all kind regards,



Mrs Terry
English Lead and Assistant Head Teacher

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