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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day

As you know, it is World Book Day this coming Thursday 6th March. This year, to save money and aid the environment, we aren't asking you to buy costumes or dress up and instead we are planning:

World Book Day Reading Activities

To help take away this pressure of buying or making costumes, we have decided to not have costumes this year at all, but are instead planning on some lovely and enriching reading activities to take place in your children's class or English group. We will bring books to life through exciting first hand experiences that will help to spark your child's love for reading. Children will just need to attend in their school uniform as normal.

New Expeditions Reading Curriculum

As a school, reading is at our core, so we are always looking for ways to engage and encourage our pupils to love reading as much as we do. We have undergone some exciting changes when it comes to the way we read with and to your children:

1. *Daily reading of a class novel/book (one each per child). Each class has a class reader that the teacher reads to the children which is a really special moment of time we get to share with our individual classes. We have seen a huge improvement in the children's ability to decode, their confidence with reading and how fluent they are becoming, it is truly inspiring to see.*
2. *New Expeditions English curriculum, with the study of a diverse and rich variety of texts to broaden children's comprehension and experience.*

These new aspects sit alongside our phonics and guided reading from Year R to Year 2.

New Reading Books

As we are reading a lot more, we are getting through our reading lists at a faster pace than last year. Therefore, we have had to invest in class sets of reading books (30 copies of each book) to

ensure that we have new books to read. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution towards these sets of books that would be greatly appreciated.

Amazon Wish List

Each teacher is putting together a 'wish list' of beautiful books they would love for their class. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution towards this endeavour, then we will be sending out the details of our Amazon wish list on Monday. If you wish, you can buy a copy of the book your child's class or group, in lieu of buying a costume and have it sent directly to school. This would be very greatly appreciated and would go directly to furthering the magical reading experience your child receives in school every day.

Below are some of the books we would like to buy:



We will also be using money from our recent sponsored Dance-a-thon event to buy sets of books for classes.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

The Edisford Team