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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is World Book Day and the time of year when we all like to get dressed up and think about our favourite stories. We know that children look forward to dressing up and coming to school as their favourite book characters each year.

For this reason, and in light of the announcement regarding the wider opening of schools, we have taken the decision to postpone the dressing up element of the day. Our dress up day will now take place on Friday, 12th March, so that all children can take part.

Next Thursday we will still celebrate World Book Day, both in school and virtually. On this day, the usual live lessons will still take place, but one of these will include fun activities linked to World Book Day. Please also look out for some extra story videos and a competition on your child's class stream.

On Friday, 12th March we invite everyone to dress up as their favourite book character. This does not need to be a shop bought costume; many children like to create their own using what they have at home. All children who come to school dressed up will be entered into a raffle to win a book prize. We will also be awarding prizes to the best costumes in each class.

On this day children will take part in fun book themed activities with their class and take part in a special inter-class competition. We know that children have missed out on many of the usual celebrations recently, so would like to use the day not only as a celebration of reading, but also to celebrate having everyone back in school together.

In addition to the activities organised in school, Scholastic are running a timetable of interactive reading activities. These are taking place throughout next week and you are welcome to register to attend any of these free events. Please find a timetable attached and also note that you will need to register for each event separately. To register for events please visit <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/scholastic-live-world-book-day>.

World Book Day vouchers have been issued virtually this year, so please also find these attached to this email.

We hope that you and your children will enjoy the activities that we have planned for World Book Day and look forward to welcoming all children back to school so that we can celebrate together.

Best wishes,

Andrew Devlin  
Literacy Lead

