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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year the theme for world book Day 2024 is Read Your Way! World Book Day falls on Thursday 7 March.

“World Book Day 2024 will celebrate that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun.”

With that in mind we are setting the children the challenge of reading in an interesting place! That may be up a tree, upside down on the climbing frame, whilst riding a horse, cuddled up with their pets – or wherever else you can think of!

We would also like to set your child a challenge to win a special “World Book Day” badge from “[PawPrint Badges](#)” to win a badge you must select one challenge a week from the challenges below and share a picture of you completing it. If you have done 4 challenges by 4th March your child will receive a badge! FOBBS are treating us to the badges which is so kind. All the different challenges look to be amazing fun.

Reading is so important in your child’s development, whether that be an adult reading to them or reading to themselves. The World Book Day Charity says: “Reading for pleasure improves children’s life chances across a range of social, educational and well-being measures. Read Your Way calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice – and a chance – to enjoy reading.”




World Book Day have developed six evidence-based principles that can be implemented easily by families to support children in adopting a lifelong habit of reading for pleasure:

1. Being read to regularly
2. Having books at home and at school
3. Having a choice in what to read
4. Finding time to read
5. Having trusted help to find a book
6. Making reading fun!

We look forward to seeing what you get up to and receiving your pictures!



Miss Preston & Mrs Brown
English Leads



-  Decorate a cushion or make a bean bag to create a cosy 'Share a Story' place at home. Try and make time each day to read or share a story together; just a few minutes each day can make a big difference to our love of stories.
-  Create your own props to go with your favourite story and share it with a friend/family.
-  Paint your own story stones or create your own story dice then use them to tell or share a story.







What/Why?

Story stones/dice have simple pictures on of people, places, objects, etc. Roll your dice or lay your stones out in a random order then use your imagination to tell a story.

-  Make a book and write down/draw your daily adventures to create your own story like Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. Share your book with friends or family.
-  Write in a web like Charlotte the spider from *Charlotte's Web* by E. B. White by creating your own piece of string art.

How?

Hammer nails into a piece of wood to form a pattern, then use string/yarn to wrap between them to write a message. Take care when using hammers.

-  Paint, collage or draw your own inspirational quote canvas using a quote/phrase from your favourite book or author (like the one we used on the cover of this challenge pack!).
-  Build a den to read in. Make it big enough for two or more, so you can share stories in it!
-  Make a bookmark. Why not theme it around your favourite book, author or illustrator? You could include your favourite quote or a fact about reading.
-  Create a cheap and easy costume to dress up as your favourite book character for World Book Day. There are lots of ideas at worldbookday.com.
-  Make puppets to help you tell/share a story. You could even write your own short story.
-  Dress up a potato as your favourite book character, inspired by Paul Linnet and Sue Hendra's *Supertato*.