



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be involved in World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. The whole day will be dedicated to reading and book related activities. World Book Day's mission is to offer every child the opportunity to experience choosing and owning a book for free. As part of the event every child in school will receive a book token. World Book Day's work is based on the evidence of what encourages children to read for pleasure. This tells us there are 6 elements which support a child to **read for pleasure**.

- Being read to regularly
- Access to books at home
- The ability for children to choose what they want to read
- Having trusted adults and peers sharing and recommending books
- The reading experience being enjoyable
- Designated time to read

Ecclesall Primary School Reading Intent

At EPS, our promise is to make reading irresistible for all children so that they acquire a lifelong love of reading, books and authors. Reading will always be prioritised so that children become motivated, fluent, skilled and attentive readers, who develop understanding and confidence to ensure the process is pleasurable and enriching.

World Book Day Ecclesall events

Dressing Up (optional)

- All children are invited to dress up as a book character on World Book Day. This could involve a full costume or just a prop / hat (or similar) relating to a favourite book or character. If your child is a non-fiction fan, tabards or t-shirts with top facts or illustrations are a good alternative. We are always impressed by the amazing and inventive ways the children dress on the day. We would like to thank you in advance for your support with this. If possible

please bring the book that relates to your book character to share with your class. Many thanks.

Children will enjoy a range of activities on the day including:

- Sharing recommended reads with friends
- Talking about stories and characters
- Role-playing book characters
- And most importantly having time to snuggle down with a book

Our Best Books

During the week we will be launching the introduction of our Ecclesall reading scrapbooks. Each class will receive a reading scrapbook as an opportunity to promote a love of reading with their peers. The scrapbook will be sent home for the children to share and make a record of their favourite books and stories. Photographs, drawings, speech bubbles, notes and thoughts are all welcome. Children will take the book home to create their own reading recommendations or book review to share with their class. Many thanks for your support with this. We are really looking forward to sharing this with the children in school.

World Book Day tokens

All children will receive a £1 book token as part of the World Book Day event. This can then be used as part payment for a more expensive book, or they can be exchanged for the specially published £1 books. You can view the books available to buy on the website and also find a list of booksellers who stock the books .<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

More about the World Book Day website

The World Book Day website is full of ideas for celebrating WBD itself and for enjoying reading every day of the year. Here is a taster of what they have to offer:

World Book Day Live digital events

These special events can be watched through the website or on the WBD YouTube channel (and they'll remain on YouTube for you to watch at any time).

Website: YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQQAGnEAE784xIU2muBw4Jg>

World Book Day Book Club

Each month, you can read the focus book, talk to authors and share ideas about the story. See the WBD website for more details.

Sharing a story

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/ks2-english-world-book-day-10-minute-story-sharing/zjyc96f>

These videos are from World Book Day's 10 Minute Story Sharing, where you can watch and listen to a selection of book readings with some of World Book Day's favourite authors, including extracts from stories.

Share a Story

This is aimed mainly at younger children and contains a number of video stories to enjoy as a family. Follow-up activities are available for each tale.

We are really looking forward to the opportunity to fully immerse ourselves in book-related fun!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school once again, please see separate letter.

Kind Regards

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The EPS Reading team