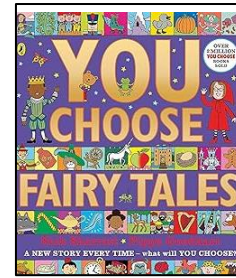


Dear Parents and Carers,

BOOK WEEK
'Read your Way!'
3rd March – 7th March



This year to celebrate our love of books at Hamstel and **World Book Day** we will be immersing ourselves in lots of extra book activities and fun. Below outlines just some of the fun we will be taking part in. The World Book Day theme this year is '**Read your Way**' which is connected to the idea of embracing Reading for Pleasure.

We have chosen a book that the whole school will explore in class, '**You Choose Fairy Tales**'. This lovely book helps imaginations get sparked, allowing the children to create their own fairy tale adventures by choosing their own hero's, quests and characters. It is a great book to help develop the children's oracy skills, using talk to develop stories and adventures. We hope through discussions and creative activities linked to the book the children will not only have fun but develop their story language and love for books.

Bring your Favourite Book to School

To get our week going we would like all children to bring in their favourite book from home to share in class with their friends and staff on **Monday 3rd March**. This will encourage the children to read, share and recommend a book they have enjoyed to others. It can be a fiction or non-fiction book. We would like the children to keep their books in school for the week so we can continue to share and discuss.

Dressing up Day

On **Thursday 6th March** the children are invited to come to nursery or school dressed up as a book character of their choice. Please bring along the book that links to their chosen character.

Book Week Competition

We will also be holding our annual Book Week competition across the whole school, and a great activity for over half term if you have a rainy day. This year we would like to invite you to make a favourite book character out of junk modelling from your own recycling collection at home. You can be as creative as you like! Here are some examples:



There will be a book prize for a winner in each class from **Nursery to Year 2**. All entries will need to be in school by **Friday 7th March** ready for judging and the winners will be announced the following week, celebrated in school and shared via our newsletter. **Please make sure your child's name and class are on the model as well.** Have fun!

Storyteller Visit

We are pleased to welcome back a local Storyteller to come in and visit all our children across the school from Nursery to Year 2 on **Friday 7th March**. It will be a fabulous day with lots of interactive story telling going on throughout. **Please log into your ParentPay to make a parent contribution of £1 for this event.**



Book Tokens

After half term the children will also be bringing home a £1 Book Token which entitles the children to **ONE FREE WORLD BOOK DAY 2025 book OR £1 off a book costing more than £2.99**. The children can spend this on a special World Book Day Book at all participating book shops, valid until 23rd March 2025.

World Book Day

World Book Day is a charity funded by publishers and booksellers in the UK & Ireland. The charity has been campaigning to change lives through the love of reading and sharing books for over 25 years. The link below takes you to the official World Book Day website where there are lots of fantastic activities for children, advice for parents and events that are being put on. <https://www.worldbookday.com>

We know all the children will enjoy the celebrations of books during the week.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Vicki Tracy
Vice Principal

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