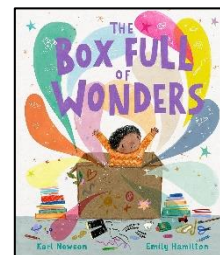


Dear Parents and Carers,

BOOK WEEK
'Go all in for World Book Day'
2nd March – 6th 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 **'Go all in!'** which continues to connect the idea of embracing Reading for Pleasure, getting more people reading, by bringing reading to where culture is. **'If you're into it, read into it'.**

Below outlines just some of the fun, annual activities we will be taking part in during Book Week. You will be able to come along to our extended **Open Door on Friday 6th March at 3pm** to find out more about what we have been up to.

We have chosen a book that the whole school will explore in class, **'The Box Full of Wonders'**. This lovely book helps imaginations get sparked, allowing the children to create their own 'Box of Wonders' and imaginative stories. 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 2nd 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 5th March** the children are invited to come to nursery or school dressed up as a book character of their choice. The children are welcome to bring along the book that links to their chosen character. We will celebrate all the different characters with a mini parade in the hall during the morning.

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 into a puppet using anything you have at home e.g. paper plate, lollypop sticks, an old sock or a wooden spoon. 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 6th March** ready for judging and the winners will be announced the following week, celebrated in school and shared via the newsletter. **Please make sure your child's name and class are on the puppet 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 **Thursday 5th March**. It will be a fabulous day with lots of interactive story telling going on throughout. Funds collected through the Enrichment events payment item also go towards covering the cost of this event.

Book Tokens

After half term the children will be bringing home a £1 Book Token which entitles the children to **ONE FREE WORLD BOOK DAY 2026 book OR a £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 from 12th February 2026 to 15th March 2026.

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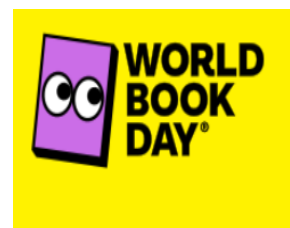
World Book Day is a charity, funded by publishers and booksellers in the UK & Ireland. The charity has been campaigning to change lives through the love of reading and sharing books for over 25 years. The link below takes you to the official World Book Day website where there are lots of fantastic activities 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 for your continued support.

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