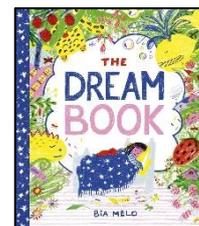


Dear Parents and Carers,

BOOK WEEK
'Read your Way!'
4th March – 8th 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. 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 their classrooms, '**The Dream Book**' by **Bia Melo**. This lovely book is a bedtime adventure all about dream journaling. Each class will use the text in different ways to produce different pieces of creative work.

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 4th 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 7th 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. The children will parade with their class in the hall during the morning.

Book Week Competition

We will also be holding a Book Week competition across the whole school and we thought we would do something a little bit different. We would like the children to think about a favourite book and create a '**story jar**' using a clean empty jar to represent the story. It may display the characters, setting or objects in the story. 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 8th March** ready for judging and the winners will be announced the following week, celebrated in an assembly and shared via a newsletter. **Please make sure your child's name and class are on the character bottle as well.** Have fun!

Storyteller Visit

Through the enrichment contributions from parents and carers we have been able to secure a local Storyteller to come in and visit our all our children across the school from Nursery to Year 2 on **Wednesday 6th March**. It will be a fabulous day with lots of interactive story telling going on throughout the day.



Jacqson Diego's Story Box Assembly

Following on from Book Week we are pleased to welcome back Jacqui on **Monday 11th March** to carry out a **Story Box Assembly** in Reception and in KS1. These assemblies are always full of fun, with Jacqui sharing lots of new and exciting books.

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 2024 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 15th February 2024 to 31st March 2024.

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 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.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Vicki Tracy
Vice Principal

