

## St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong Diocese of Plymouth

Dear Parent/Carer

6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March 2019, and we would like to invite all the children (and staff!) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Please do not feel pressured to produce elaborate costumes. Ideas such as wearing their own clothes with Who am I "clues" attached to guess a character or simply wearing a couple of accessories such as hat, glasses etc to "suggest" a character can be just as effective.

Across the week and on the day itself, pupils will be undertaking book related activities such as "Share a Story" sessions with different teachers, quizzes, videos and creative activities which promote the love of reading. Please also look out for our "Book in a Box" competition letter which will follow next week. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child receives a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of EIGHT special £1 World Book Day books, or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. Your child will bring home a token which can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day by visiting your local bookshop (if you need help finding one, visit www.booksellers.org.uk/bookshopsearch).

In conjunction with this event, St Mary's will be hosting The Travelling Book Company in the first week after half term from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 1st March. (Please see separate information letter). The token may also be exchanged here to receive £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more.

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly and joining your local library if you are not yet members. For more information about World Book Day and ideas on sharing books at home, visit www.worldbookday.com

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.

With best wishes,

Kate Wrann and Emma Hemsil

(English Leaders)

