

Dear Parents and Carers,

This year **World Book Day** in the UK falls on **Thursday 2nd March**.

World Book Day is the biggest celebration of books and reading ever mounted in the UK. It began as a UNESCO initiative and is celebrated in countries around the world. It promotes books and reading for enjoyment of all encouraging children to explore the pleasures of literature and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

Children will be receiving their £1 book token which can be spent on one of the specially made £1 books available in bookshops and supermarkets or it can be used for £1 off any other book.

If you would like more information about World Book Day and the £1 books available, then please visit the World Book Day website at www.worldbookday.com/books.

At Enfield Heights Academy, we decided to celebrate the whole **World Book Week** from Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March and allow everyone to immerse themselves in wonders of children's literature: having fun with many events and activities throughout the week.

Here are the highlights of the week, in a nutshell:

Monday 27th February: DRESS UP DAY

We would like to start the week by inviting children and staff to **dress up as their favourite book character**. Please don't feel you have to spend money on a costume. Costumes made at home are fun to create and look just as good, or a costume could be borrowed from a friend. We will have a costume competition for the most creative costume in each class and all the class winners will get a book prize.

Please help your child to design a costume to show off characteristic features of their favourite story character. Please send in their favourite book to school too.

Following MC Grammar's visit (23.02) we will encourage children to rap part of their favourite book or create a rap about the character they've come dressed as.

A bell will ring throughout the day at various times, to signal STOP (what you are doing) and READ.

In the afternoon, the children will have fun listening to stories told and read by class teachers who will swap classrooms. There will also be a surprise during our WBD Assembly at the end of the day.

Tuesday 28th February: COMPOSING POEMS AND SHORT STORIES

In class, children will be working collaboratively and independently on writing a poem (Reception and Year 1) or a short story (Year 2 –Year 6) on the theme of **Kindness**. The poems and short stories will be displayed around the school and in classrooms for you to celebrate and admire.

Children will have a chance to make their own books (origami style) and use imagination to create stories. During music lessons on Tuesday and Friday, children will explore famous musical stories: Romeo and Juliet –Tchaikovsky, Peter and the Wolf –Prokofiev, Carnival of the Animals -Saint-Saens, etc.

Mr John Gilbert will wow the children with newspaper magic and support discussion and debate.

Wednesday 1st March: READING BUDDIES

Reading buddies and guest readers will make this day super story special!

The children will enjoy reading buddies and join another class for a session of reading for pleasure together, e.g. 15 children from year 2 will go up to year 5 and 15 children from year 5 will go down to Year 2. Younger readers particularly Reception children will benefit from stories read to them by older readers from 6 to promote our Force for Positive Change driver as well as reading for enjoyment.

In Spanish lessons, Year 3-6 will have a chance to immerse themselves into the world of multilingual literature.

In class, the children will focus on non-fiction aspect of literature and immerse themselves in news reading and researching fact books.

BOOK Tombola fundraiser after school in aid of Turkish and Syrian crisis following devastating earthquake.

Book donations for the fundraiser REQUIRED and kindly requested. Please donate books and stories by giving them to your child's class teacher or popping them in the box at the office by Monday 27th February.

Book Tombola will be set up by the office and by the MUGA from 3:15pm On Wednesday 1st March. Please come along and support us and get a book prize every time! All the funds raised will be transferred to Islamic Relief (<https://www.islamic-relief.org.uk/>) who are providing emergency medical assistance, health and medical supplies to hospitals and clinics, as well as blankets and tents for those made homeless by the quake in both Turkey and Syria.

Friday 3rd March: COME AN' SEE ANANSI -storytelling day to inspire and entertain.

Bigfoot Arts Education will present a whole school Assembly and a set of workshops for the children.

"When Anansi is brought to life and drops into your school, be prepared for a lively story adventure! Weaving and spinning colourful tales from the shores of the Caribbean and Africa, this cunning half man- half spider is a well-known story character and the ultimate trickster."

Throughout the week, each class will contribute their ideas to a Mega Story (whole school write) that will be read and celebrated during Friday's Assembly. The mega story will all be based around an ECO theme- a topic that is relevant and affects us all today and will do in many years to come.

We warmly invite you to take part in it if you can; we welcome all the parents and carers who could come and read stories to their child's class in English or your mother tongue to celebrate multicultural aspects of our EHA community. Please speak to Mrs Powrie or your child's class teacher if you can help. It would be great for children to hear stories in different languages. Thank you.

We hope that the World Book Week will be a massive success.

With my very best wishes,



Headteacher