

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



World Book Day 2023 will be on 2 March 2023 when children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure.



Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see all our children with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

World Book Day was created by UNESCO on 23rd April 1995 as a worldwide celebration of books and reading. It is marked in over 100 countries around the globe. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997 to encourage young people to discover the pleasure of reading. As World Book Day founder, Baroness Gail Rebus, recalls "We wanted to do something to reposition reading and our message is the same today as



it was then – that reading is fun, relevant, accessible, exciting, and has the power to transform lives.”

We won't be dressing up in school this year as we are aware of the financial pressures this places on some of our families, but we will be marking World Book Day in school in the following ways:

1. Mel from Dark Peak Bookshop in Glossop will be coming to school with the full range of World Book Day books so all the children can exchange their Book Tokens in school for a free book. She will also have some of last year's stock available to sell for just £1.00 a book.
2. As always, we will be running our annual book plate competition, with the winners receiving a free book from our school bookshop and their designs being made into this year's school bookplates. The entry form is attached to this letter.



3. This year we are also launching our new “Book Potato” competition as holiday homework. We are challenging you to recreate your favourite book character through the medium of a potato and send your entries into school on Monday 27th February clearly labelled with your child's name and class. All entries will be on display in school throughout the week and book prizes will be awarded to winners in each class.

We hope you all have fun celebrating the love of reading and are looking forward to seeing your book plates and potato characters after the holidays.

Kindest Regards,



Deborah Meredith

It's time for us to update the book plates that we use in our school "50 reads" and "Reading Stars of the Week" book awards so we are launching our very popular bookplate competition once again. The children are invited to design a bookplate linked to a book they have recently enjoyed reading at home or perhaps one of their class novels or "Talk through Stories" books. Please draw your pictures in the box below and **do not include any writing** – we will add that later to the winning designs. The winners will be awarded a free book of their choice from the school bookshop and their designs will be made into bookplates to be used throughout the coming year. Please return all entries by Thursday 2nd March 2023

Name _____ Class _____

Book Title _____



