

2 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: World Book Day/Promoting a Love of Reading**

At Hungerhill School we believe that reading is a fundamental part of life and a skill which should be developed to support lifelong learning. Our aim is to embed a strong, sustainable reading ethos and culture within our school community, and help students to foster a love of reading through a wide range of rich and diverse texts. We hope to empower students to value their freedom of choice and independence when it comes to reading for enjoyment, and to understand that the experiences gained through reading are unlike any other, as we encourage them to become empathetic global citizens.

As part of our continued focus on fostering a love of reading in our school, we want to take this opportunity to direct you to some helpful resources, and alert you to some exciting events coming up in school.

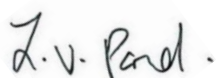
This week sees an even greater focus on reading across the globe, as we prepare to celebrate World Book Day (WBD) on Thursday 3 March. At Hungerhill, we have a number of initiatives and activities for students to get involved with throughout the week:

- Mrs Ryan, our Curriculum Leader for English, will lead the week's assemblies for all year groups, with a focus on the value of books and stories.
- On Thursday, the library, together with the English department, will be running a number of competitions for students to get involved in, including: a treasure hunt, a reading quiz and 'what shall I read?' bingo.
- There will be a strong focus around school on helping students to select what they would like to read – posters around school, recommended reading lists by year group on the school website, a 'prescription service' in the library and links to the WBD online resources to name but a few. Please find the link to the WBD recommended books for all ages here:  
[Reading Recommendations \(worldbookday.com\)](#)  
[Hungerhill School - Literacy/ Reading for Pleasure](#)
- The WBD website has a great selection of videos called '10 minute story shares' where some well-known faces share books that they have enjoyed – another great way for your child to be inspired to read a particular book  
[10 Minute Story Shares - World Book Day](#)
- There are also some wonderful free audiobooks available via the WBD website, again suited to a range of ages, and a great resource for student to use with younger siblings:  
[World Book Day Audiobooks](#)

- Students will all receive a £1 book token which they can exchange for a book at Waterstones or WH Smith. There are 4 titles, released for WBD, which will be entirely free with this voucher. Please find a link to further information on the books available, and a copy of the voucher, below:  
[2021s-1-books \(worldbookday.com\)](https://www.worldbookday.com/2021s-1-books)  
[Digital token UK FINAL.pdf \(worldbookday.com\)](#)
- Staff and students alike are being encouraged to dress up on Thursday as their favourite story character or author – what better way to create a fantastic atmosphere around school than to surround ourselves entirely in fictional characters – we hope as many students as possible will join in with the fun! The fancy dress can be anything from a simple pair of glasses for Where’s Wally? or Harry Potter through to a full extravagant costume. We would encourage as many students as possible to donate £1 to the WBD charity to buy a less fortunate child a book of their own.

Finally, we have an exciting new addition coming to our foyer in the coming weeks: a book vending machine! This will form part of our rewards system, and will see students collecting ‘tokens’ to spend at the vending machine. All books have been carefully chosen by staff and so come highly recommended. More information coming soon!

Yours sincerely



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