



## World Book Day Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

This year, World Book Day celebrates 25 years of encouraging children's love of books and stories. Once again, we will be celebrating with a focus on Bedtime Reading. We won't bore you with all the research and statistics, but we KNOW that the children who enjoy a story book at bedtime on a regular basis, develop a rich language and a love of books, stories and reading which impacts on the whole of their education, not only at primary school, but as life-long learners.

During Term 4, every child will have the opportunity to bring home one of our Bedtime Book Bags for the night – filled with books for you to share together – sponsored through on-going support from the School Association.

We are mindful that for many of our families, the cost of providing a Book Character Costume for your child to wear on World Book Day is an expense that dents family finances. Instead, the children will be invited to wear their pyjamas to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. They can bring slippers if they wish, but this is not necessary and they will be required to change into their school shoes when they go outside. Dressing gowns and onesies are not required; the children find them hot and cumbersome. Most children are warm enough with a vest or t-shirt underneath their pyjamas and their schools shoes and coat for playtime.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we will celebrate Bedtime Reading and share the books we enjoy. Children are welcome to bring a **named**, favourite book (and a teddy!) to school to share with others on World Book Day.

We will also be inviting every child to decorate a wooden spoon and turn it into a character from a book. Your child's spoon will be sent home with them before half-term. We'd like all the spoons to be returned by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, please. Thank you for supporting your child's involvement in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Book Day.

