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Dear families,

At Wessex Gardens, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 1st March and we hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Week in school.

We will be using World Book Week as a way to share our favourite books and have lots of fun completing activities taking place throughout the week including:

School Activities

We'll be hosting a book swap. Please drop off your unwanted books in the box outside the Media Room. Whether or not you've got a book to bring along to swap, come and browse and find something you might like to read.

Book swap will take place next week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday from 8.30am to 9am and from 3.30pm to 4pm.

Dressing up day on Wednesday 1st March. Dressing up or bringing books into school can be a big part of the celebrations and what families particularly enjoy about World Book Day. We want the children to use their costumes to share their favourite books and we encourage you to use things you already have at home. There are lots of ideas at worldbookday.com

Book review exhibition in school to take place on Tuesday 28th February in our assembly.

Make a bookmark. Why not theme it around your favourite book, author or illustrator? In a group create your own short story with each person saying only 1 word at a time going around the circle. Where will your story end up? Hold a short story relay. In teams, take it in turns to run up to a piece of paper and write the next 3 words of the story. Read your stories aloud and share them with your group.











Activities to do at Home

Organise a group trip to your local bookshop to spend your £1/ \in 1.50 World Book Day Book Token to get a FREE book! • Getting a free £1/ \in 1.50 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1/ \in 1.50 Book Token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1/ \in 1.50 book OR get £1/ \in 1.50 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99/ \in 3.99 or more.

Discover the list of this year's titles online at worldbookday.com. Have a competition with friends to take a photo of yourself reading in the most unusual or exciting place. Send these photos in using the school email to office@wessexgardens.barnet.sch.uk

Send photos in by Tuesday 28th February

Write a book review competition and share it in a fun way. (Title, Author, is it fiction or no-fiction, give your own opinion about the book, explain why or why not you would recommend the book, draw a new front cover of the book, write a new blurb)

Send the book reviews in by Monday 27th February.

Create your own props to go with your favourite story
Make puppets to help you tell/share a story. You can bring these to share in school.
Paint your own story stones or create your own story dice then use them to tell or share a story.
Bring in your props/puppets, story stones by Tuesday 28th February.

Check out the World Book Day challenges from Paw Print Family https://pawprintfamily.com/ for more fun things to do at home.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day/week, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers - thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sharif Assistant Headteacher