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Dear Parents/Carers

This year, we have been focussing on our love of reading in Somerford Primary School and there is a real buzz about reading around the school as a result of this.

We would like to thank you for your support in this by hearing your children read regularly at home. Reading for just 10 minutes a day equates to a child learning 900,000 words a year (on average) and helps children to be working at age related expectations.

This term, we have some exciting events coming up to help us continue to develop our love of books.

From Monday 5th February 2018, the **Book People Book Fair** will be in school and it will remain at school for the week. Children will have the opportunity to buy books at lunchtime in school as well as after school on Monday 5th and Thursday 8th. There will be a wide range of books available to suit all ages and interests and we are sure the children will all find a book that they would like to buy. Children should bring in money for the Book Fair in a named purse or envelope and hand in to their class teacher. As a school, we receive generous commission from the sales of the Book Fair and we are planning to stock up our KS1 and KS2 Libraries with new reading books as a result of this.

On Monday 26th February, we will be having a whole school **'Book Week'** to celebrate our love of reading. Children will undertake a variety of activities including: paired reading with other year groups; sharing favourite books in assembly; designing book marks; playing Book Quizzes and celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March.

From Thursday 1st March – Friday 9th March, we will be participating in **"100 Million Minutes"** which is a national initiative to read as much as we possibly can each day. Children log their reading minutes in class and at home and prizes will be awarded to the schools who achieve the highest average number of reading minutes per child. Certificates will also be available to the children who reach key reading targets throughout the week. There is a sponsorship form attached to this letter explaining how your child can be sponsored for this event to help raise money for charity.

We are particularly pleased to announce that this year will see the return of **'Books at Bedtime'** on Thursday 1st March. This event is an opportunity for children to return to school from 5:00pm - 6:00pm, dressing in PJs, onesies, dressing gowns and clutching their favourite bedtime cuddly toy. They will then have the chance to hear 3 different stories being read by various members of staff around the school before returning to the hall for Hot Chocolate and biscuits to watch one last story on the big screen.

Finally, we will be ending Book Week on Friday 2nd March with a **'Dress-Up Day'** where children can come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters. As children have read so many stories this year, including all of their class texts and class readers, they will have a wide variety of characters to choose from and we can't wait to see who they all choose to be.

We are still looking for volunteers to run the KS2 Library in the afternoons as we have, unfortunately, not had anyone sign up for this yet. If you are interested, please call in to speak to Mrs Hudson for further details. We are also, still looking for any volunteers to come in and hear children reading. Please speak to Miss Miles in reception if you are able to give us a little bit of time each week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hudson
English Leader

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