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Dear Parents/Carers

On Thursday 3rd March 2022 it is **WORLD BOOK DAY**. We will be completing a range of activities in school with the children based on the book **The Word Collector** by Peter H. Reynolds. The theme of the book is words and the power that they have so our day in school will be very much focussing on vocabulary and having fun with new, interesting and powerful words.

We will be collecting words in our classes and adding them to vocabulary books so that we will be able to use the new words in our work for the rest of the year. We will also be writing poems using the new words.

We would like the children to fully enter into the spirit of being "Word Collectors" so we are going to have a 'Dress-Up' Day with a difference on World Book Day. Instead of coming to school dressed as a Book Character, we would like the children to come to school dressed up as a word that is new or interesting to them. For example, this could be a word that they have found in their reading book that they didn't know the meaning of; a word they have recently heard that they didn't know the meaning of; a word on one of the class Knowledge Organisers. It must be a new and previously unknown word for the child, though, so we don't expect to see anyone turning up in Football Kit with the word 'Football' on them! There are some examples attached to the bottom of this letter but other ideas can be found online if you Google "Vocabulary Parade".

We will also be running the Usborne Sponsored Read like we did in 2019. All money raised via this will go towards buying new reference books for our school Library. In addition to the sponsorship money raised, Usborne will donate up to 60% of the total raised in extra free books. More information and sponsor forms will be sent home nearer the time.

Unfortunately, due to our Covid Risk Assessment restrictions, we are not able to host Books at Bedtime again this year but we have planned for the children to hear different stories being read by different adults in the school in their classes during the day. We are keeping everything crossed that Books at Bedtime will resume next year.

Parent Coffee Morning

On World Book Day, I will be hosting an informal Coffee Morning from 9:30am – 10:30am for any parents who would like to find out more about Reading at Somerford Primary School and, in particular, for any parents who are interested in becoming part of our Parent Reading Committee. It would be lovely to see lots of you there.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hudson
English Subject Leader

VOCABULARY DRESS-UP IDEAS



