



# Somerford Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 it is WORLD BOOK DAY. We will be completing a range of activities in school with the children based on the theme of Poetry. We will mainly be focussing on the poetry of Joseph Coelho, who is the current Children's Laureate. You can find out more about him here: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/childrens-laureate/joseph-coelho-biography/>

We will be collecting wonderful words and phrases and writing our own poems throughout the day. We will be publishing some of the poems into a book that will have pride of place in the school main office.

As with last year, we would like the children to fully enter into the spirit of being "Word Collectors" so we would like the children to come to school dressed up as an interesting word that is **new** or **previously unknown** 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. All money raised via this will go towards buying new reference books for the children to use in their classes to gain further knowledge and insight into their topics. In addition to the sponsorship money raised, Usborne will donate up to 60% of the total raised in extra free books. More information and forms will be sent home nearer the time.

We are very excited to say that World Book Day will see the return of two special events in school. First is the opportunity for parents to come in join your child's class to share their learning with them. We would like to invite you in from 2pm – 3pm on World Book Day (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March) to join in with some fun word games and poetry writing with your child. Please come in via the main school office for this so that we can sign you in safely and securely. Secondly, we are very pleased to say that we are finally able to bring back Books at Bedtime. This is an opportunity for your children to return to school in their pyjamas and dressing gowns complete with cuddly toys to hear the adults in school read them a bedtime story. They will then finish the evening all together in the hall with a hot chocolate and a biscuit. This will run from 4:30pm – 5:30pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACOMPANIED BY AN ADULT TO THIS EVENT.** We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hudson  
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