



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year is the 24th year there's been a World Book Day and children of all ages will come together to share the joy of reading for pleasure and celebrate their favourite authors, characters and books. World Book Day's initiative is to promote a love of reading within children, inspiring them to read for pleasure through a love of books and shared reading.

On **Thursday 4th March 2021**, we will be **celebrating World Book Day** with a variety of exciting online reading activities (including inspiring illustrator masterclasses and virtual author visits exclusive to Oak Hill) and we are inviting all children (at home and in school) to **dress up as their favourite author, book or book character** (costume inspiration can be found at <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>)

On **Monday 8th March 2021**, we will be officially launching **'Oak Hill Book Week'** with a **Live Reading and Writing Workshop** for all year groups hosted by the incredibly talented author and friend of Oak Hill **Zoe Antoniades**. During our Oak Hill Book Week, all children will receive a World Book Day token that they will be able to swap for an exclusive, new and completely free World Book Day book or they can use it to get £1 off any full price book/audiobook (available from participating booksellers). The World Book Day tokens will be valid until **Sunday 28th March 2021**. There are some fantastic titles available across a range of ages which you can browse (see link <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>). To close our week of celebrating all things books, all children can once again **dress up as their favourite author, book or book character** on **Friday 12th March 2021** (in keeping with Covid Health and Safety regulations, please keep props to a minimum).

See what we have 'bookmarked' for our World Book Day and Oak Hill Book Week celebrations:

<p><b>Year 3</b></p>	<p><b>World book Day</b> Year 3 will be completing fun activities based on two books written by the author Mini Grey. The children will also be learning about the author Zoe Antoniades and will be generating some questions to ask her when we meet her virtually on Monday 8th March. On World Book Day, we are also lucky enough to have a virtual meeting with Joanna Botwood (author of 'The Bees that made cheese'). We encourage the children to dress up on the day and enjoy all things reading!</p> <p><b>Oak Hill's Book Week</b> Year 3 will be enjoying a variety of fun reading activities; we will be creating a front cover of our Beat the Baddie story that we are writing in English as well as designing bookmarks and writing book reviews. Also, we will be taking part in an interactive masterclass with Zoe Antoniades (Monday 8th) and creative writing workshop with Marie Skilling (Tuesday 9th).</p> <p><b>Children can dress up as their favourite author, book or book character on Friday 12th.</b></p>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p><b>World book Day</b> Dressed up as their favourite book characters, Year 4 will be hosting a fun-filled World Book Day quiz for all pupils (in school and online) and participating in a variety of creative writing and poetry tasks. We are also lucky enough to have a virtual meeting with author Joanna Botwood during which children will be able take part in a live Q&amp;A all about her book 'The Bees that made cheese'!</p> <p><b>Oak Hill's Book Week</b> Year 4 will be doing daily short reading tasks linked to our class texts 'The Blizzard Challenge' by Bear Grylls) as well as poetry based activities and designing our own book covers for our Guided Writes. Also, we will be taking part in an interactive masterclass with Zoe Antoniades (Monday 8th) and creative writing workshop with Marie Skilling (Tuesday 9th).</p> <p><b>Children can dress up as their favourite author, book or book character on Friday 12th.</b></p>

<b>Year 5</b>	<p><b>World book Day</b> Year 5 will be getting creative from designing a quiz about their favourite book to developing their art skills in an online masterclass 'How to Draw Like Quentin Blake' and illustrating their own book covers! The children will also be researching author Zoe Antoniades and will be generating some questions to ask her when we meet her virtually on Monday 8th March. We are also lucky enough to have a virtual meeting with author Joanna Botwood where the children will be able to take part in a live Q&amp;A all about her book 'The Bees that made cheese'!</p> <p><b>Oak Hill's Book Week</b> Based on our class text 'There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom', we will be taking part in a variety of creative activities including designing characters that could appear in the book (questioning who are they, why are they there)?, creating a character profile surrounding Bradley Chalkers and challenging our story predicting skills (what will happen next?!). Also, we will be taking part in an interactive masterclass with Zoe Antoniades (Monday 8th) and creative writing workshop with Marie Skilling (Thursday 11th).</p> <p><b>Children can dress up as their favourite author, book or book character on Friday 12th.</b></p>
<b>Year 6</b>	<p><b>World book Day</b> Year 6 will be investigating the journey to create a book from designing their own book covers to delving into complex character backstories, The children will also be researching author Zoe Antoniades and conducting an author study whilst generating some questions to ask her when we meet virtually on Monday 8th March. We are also lucky enough to have a virtual meeting with author Joanna Botwood during which children will be able to take part in a live Q&amp;A all about her book 'The Bees that made cheese'!</p> <p><b>Oak Hill's Book Week</b> Based on our class text 'The Jungle Book', we will be exploring a variety of creative reading and writing activities through the eyes of jungle animals and discussing the power of perspective in storytelling. Also, we will be taking part in an interactive masterclass with Zoe Antoniades (Monday 8th) and creative writing workshop with Marie Skilling (Thursday 11th).</p> <p><b>Children can dress up as their favourite author, book or book character on Friday 12th.</b></p>

If you have any questions then please contact any member of the team or, if you wish to learn more about World Book Day and Zoe Antoniades, please see the links below.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

<http://www.zoeantoniades.com/>

Make sure you keep in touch with us; if you ever have any issues, questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Oak Hill team.

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