



# THE DOWNLEY SCHOOL

*"Learning, Growing and Succeeding Together"*

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12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thursday 4th March 2021 marks World Book Day (WBD) and we would love for yourselves and the children to join in with our celebrations!

Please see below for a list of activities going on during the week of WBD (week commencing Monday 1st March 2021).

## Share a Story

Children can share a story with a family member at home, or even virtually over the internet. You can either choose to read the story to your child or get them to read to you. The emphasis should be on selecting a story that they/you have enjoyed in the past or are currently enjoying reading. Perhaps try sharing a classic from your childhood with your child! This can be a fiction book, non-fiction or even an audiobook. Please take a look at some of the fantastic e-books that you can access for free on the Libby App.

To be able to encourage a love for reading, in a welcoming environment, you could even use items that you have at home to create a small 'reading nook'. For example, pillows, blankets, fairy lights, even a tepee tent if you have one.

It would be lovely to see the children (and parents, carers...even pets) taking part in this event, so please send in any photos to [giantpandas@thedownleyschool.co.uk](mailto:giantpandas@thedownleyschool.co.uk) by Monday 8th March 2021. Please note, that by sending your child's image, you are giving permission for us to use on social media.

Children may take part in this event any time in the week of WBD (Sunday 28th February to Sunday 7th March).

In addition to the above, the Head Boy and Girl, along with Deputies and Reading Prefects, will be sharing some short stories with the children, virtually, through our YouTube channel. There will be more information about this closer to the time.





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## Dress up

As always, it would be fantastic to see as many children as possible dressed up as their favourite book character, whether they are joining us via Zoom or in school.

However, this year we have also introduced an alternative to dressing up. Children are able to decorate a hat in the style of a book character. This can be any type of hat. For example, for Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, you might decorate your hat with Wonka Bars and Golden Tickets.

Children will be given the opportunity to share their outfits and hats over their Zoom meeting.

This will take place on Thursday 4th March 2021.

## Book Token

Please see the below link for your copy of a £1 Book Token:

[https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken\\_PrimaryUK.pdf](https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf)

We very much look forward to celebrating our love for reading with our school community and we hope you are all looking forward to it too!

If you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards

Mrs Sandhu

English Subject Leader

