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Dear Parent/Carer,

Celebrate World Book Day - Thursday 4th March 2021

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage reading at Ellingham, we are taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 4th March 2021. As things are different this year, we are extending the celebrations to the whole week, allowing children at home and in school to take part in a variety of different activities.

On Thursday, they can come to school or join live lessons dressed up as their favourite book character or settle in for day-long bedtime reading, by wearing their pyjamas in preparation for lots of storytelling! Dressing up is optional as we understand the pressures families are under at this time.

To reflect the current situation, World Book Day is offering digital book tokens this year. These can be printed out and exchanged in various shops for a selection of £1 books. If you would like to use a digital token, please read the terms and conditions carefully. We sent out the link in the newsletter on Friday 12th February. If not, we will be giving out paper tokens once all children return to school. If you would like to see the selection of books available for £1 this year, please use this link: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

During the week, we will have activities across each year group for children to take part in. These will be posted on google classroom during the school day. Please find the links and information below if you want to take part in your own time:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/share-a-story-corner/> - Short story time videos for children to listen to; suitable for Early Years and KS1.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/events/> - Share a Story live events for a variety of ages throughout the week.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/online-masterclasses/> - Author and Illustrator masterclasses. These are short videos which have activities attached.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/competitions/design-a-national-book-token-2021/> - Children are invited to design a book token to be used nationwide. There is an entry form that can either be posted, or brought back into school when it opens again. Prizes include book tokens for the winner and our school.

We would love to create a school display of children sharing a story. This could be with parents and siblings, pets, on a zoom call - however you can make it work! Please send your photographs to Year6@elp.rbksch.org for the attention of Miss Wells. I really look forward to seeing how reading is happening across our school community.

We look forward to a great week of activities and promoting a love of reading. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna Wells".

Anna Wells

Assistant Head and English Lead