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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been all about World Book Day! This year we have focused our celebrations on the importance of books and the joy of reading, and we have embraced good old fashioned creativity with the children making costumes and their very own books!

On Tuesday classes buddied up to make their WBD costumes; some children chose to make character costumes whilst others chose to represent a book through their design. It was a day of wonderful collaboration and creativity as children worked together to turn unwanted items into wonderful creations to wear on Thursday. Pictures of the week can be seen on our social media feeds; do please follow, share and like!

On World Book Day itself, the children all made books! From a selection of book making styles from across the globe, teachers chose a design for their class and on Thursday the children write stories and published them in their very own book.

Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

Early Years

This has been a very special week celebrating World Book Day at school. The children were encouraged to create their own costumes using recycled materials, with help from children in Year Six. Working together helped the EYFS children develop their creativity and fine motor skills. They were also encouraged to create their own books and dress up in the costumes they made for World Book Day.. What a fantastic week we have had!

Year One

What a great week of learning! In Maths, Year One pupils have been learning how to partition numbers into tens and ones, helping them understand how numbers are made and strengthening their place value knowledge. In English, the children have been planning a non-chronological report about badgers, learning how to organise information and use headings and facts. In RE, pupils have been exploring how other Christians worship, learning about different traditions and ways people express their faith. In Science, the class has been investigating natural and man-made resources, thinking about how we can care for the Earth and use its resources responsibly.

Year Two

Tales about space, NASA and astronauts have been whizzing around in the class this week as the children have been thinking about their own space stories. Year two have also been so invested in creating their own World Book day costumes out of materials that have been brought in and the creations are epic! Some have created their whole costumes and some have created little add ons to their fancy dress, but all have had a great time crafting and inventing and most importantly working together! The pupils have created their own stories and made their own books in class. What a wonderful way to celebrate World Book Day.

Year Three

This week has been a busy one in Year Three. In English, we enhanced our poetry learning by exploring and writing Haiku poems. In Maths, we delved into fractions and developed our understanding of how they work. In History, we learned about the importance of the world's latitudes and hemispheres. In French, we learned the names of different types of food. During the week, the children also enjoyed preparing for World Book Day by making costumes and creating their own books. Well done for a fantastic week, Year Three!

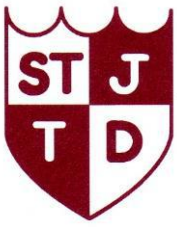
Year Four-Five

This week in English, Year Four and Year Five have been exploring instructional writing and are planning a survival guide for a flooded world, focusing on how to organise their writing in clear steps and the use of instructional language. In Maths, Year Four have been multiplying 2-digit and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number using written methods and practical representations, whilst Year Five have been multiplying mixed number fractions by an integer. In RE, we have been discussing how Jesus' teaching to "love your neighbour as yourself" can have a positive impact on both our school and wider community. In Science, we have been learning about forces, with a focus on gravity and how it pulls objects towards the Earth.

Year Six

What a crafty week for Year Six! They have thoroughly enjoyed helping the younger children with their costumes as well as their own





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for World Book Day. They showed great creativity and enthusiasm for creating their costumes and looked fabulous on the day. Their creativity shone through with the 'Wish Scroll' books they planned, wrote and created. Well done for all your efforts celebrating World Book Day!

Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Shaun for encouraging himself and others to help tidy up the classroom. Marietou for working hard during phonics lessons and starting to read words. Well done!
Year One	Aaleyah for working really hard when segmenting and blending new words in phonics. Isaac-Prasie for showing the Value of patience when waiting his turn in and out of the classroom
Year Two	Jayden for showing greater resilience and a good attitude to learning, a great improvement. Well done. Luqman for showing excellent control with a hockey stick and being a role model when using new equipment.
Year Three	Gloria for your excellent work ethic in Maths and showing great resilience when subtracting 3-digit numbers and regrouping. Well done! Glory for being a positive role model and showing kindness in and out of the classroom. You are a wonderful example to others. Keep shining!
Year Four & Year Five	Berrie for continued concentration and focus in all of her learning. Rachel for demonstrating love inside and outside of the classroom.
Year Six	Joseph for his brilliant effort learning his assembly lines and performing them with confidence. He was a little hesitant but persevered and gave a great performance. Zacklyn for her superb contribution to the class assembly. Her confidence and support given to other children during rehearsals learning their lines and remembering timings helped the whole class be a success.

The house point totals for this week are:

 GARRISON	45	 AUGUSTINE	22
 FRANKLIN	18	 DICKENS	25

A reminder for parents, our **school photographer** will be in on both **Monday 16th March 2026** for Class Photographs and **Monday 23rd March 2026** for Individual photographs.

On a final note, next week is **Assessment Week**. The children will be taking part in a range of assessment activities to share their learning. And, they will also be taking part in this term's **Spelling Bee**; as always the spelling words are being sent home with your child along with their homework for rehearsal at home. Do please support your child in readying themselves for the week.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

