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## World Book Week Event – Sponsored Read

3<sup>rd</sup> March until 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Thursday 13th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Week in school. The children will be learning about an author and engaging in a range of fun and educational learning experiences based on a text. The texts we have chosen have links to animals and therefore on World Book Day (**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**) we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as an animal. Please do not feel the need to buy anything new – a headband or coloured t-shirt will be absolutely fine! We will also be inviting parents to come into school for a 'Stay and Read' session at **2:30pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Keep an eye out on Tapestry for further information.

To celebrate and encourage a love of reading at home and in school during World Book Week, we will be running our annual sponsored read between Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March until Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Last year we raised an amazing £1601.59 which we used to buy each class a Toniebox and some Tonies figures (we even managed to buy one for Robert Miles Club and one for our nurture sessions). The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to a wide range of stories, songs, poetry and non-fiction Tonies so thank you for your sponsors.

We are very excited to share that this year the sponsorship money will go towards creating a reading garden in our school grounds. We are planning on removing the bamboo section of the school field, purchasing a reading cabin and creating an inviting, clam reading space for children to enjoy reading outside.

## Readathon 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March:

Please continue to help us to enhance our school grounds and create our reading garden by encouraging your child to spend an amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

If you are able to support our sponsored read, please find attached a sponsorship form for your child. A reading log (for your child to record how many minutes they have read) and an envelope (to collect the sponsor money) will come home with your child on the Friday before the sponsored week starts (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February), so keep an eye out for those.

After the sponsored read, please hand all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school office (with your child's name and class on the envelope). The money needs to be handed in no later than Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025. This is so we can create our reading garden in enough time for children to enjoy it for the rest of this academic year. The class who collaboratively raise the most will receive a new book for their classroom reading area and be able to choose a new Tonies figure to expand our Tonies collection.

We are really looking forward to developing our outdoor reading garden and enhancing children's reading opportunities further. We thank you for your on-going support.

Mrs Pilborough English Lead and Assistant Headteacher



