



Dear parents,

In celebration of World Book Day (Thursday 5th March), The Grove is holding its annual Book Week, which will be celebrated **Monday 2nd March - Friday 6th March**. We have some exciting activities planned to celebrate reading, authors, illustrators and language.

Dress up day - Thursday 5th March

The children will have the opportunity to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. There will not be a charge for this event. Costumes need not be costly - most can be assembled from items the children already have at home or they could borrow from friends. They could even make their costume from items like boxes or with off cuts of fabric! We urge the children to be creative with their costume designs - there will be an award for the best costume in each class!

Bedtime stories

To celebrate the importance of having a bedtime story, each class from reception - year 4 will be visited by a group of year 5 and 6 pupils, who will read their favourite bedtime stories to the class. To enter into the spirit of things, the children will have the opportunity to bring in items for the event, such as a onesie, pyjamas or dressing gown to wear, a teddy and cushion. They need to bring these into school on the day in a named plastic bag. They will be given hot chocolate and a biscuit to enjoy whilst the storytelling is happening. Please let your child's class teacher know if your child has any dietary requirements.

The events will be held on the following days:

Reception: Wednesday 4th March

Year 1: Tuesday 3rd March

Year 2: Monday 2nd March

Year 3: Tuesday 3rd March

Year 4: Friday 6th March

Year 5 and 6: your child's teacher will tell the children which day they will need to bring in their pyjamas - it depends on which day they are reading their story.

Battle of the authors

Key Stage Two classes will be going head to head in an exciting competition to convince the rest of Key Stage Two that their class author is the best! Children will be reading lots of books by their class author in preparation for this.

Book Swap Shop

We will be opening the very first Grove Book Swap Shop! Children will have a chance to choose a book from the swap shop to keep, in return for bringing in a book from home. More details will follow. If you have any good quality, unwanted children's books at home that you would like to donate to the swap shop, please give them to Mrs Kean in Year 6 or drop them into the school office. We would greatly appreciate any donations!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

We can't wait for the celebrations to start!