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Dear Parent/Carer

## World Book Day - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

Hednesford Valley High's English department firmly believe that reading is at the heart of our curriculum, life-long learning and enjoyment. We place a high value on the experiences that reading can bring both children and adults alike.

We are pleased and excited to announce that our school community will be celebrating **World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**.

This year's theme is 'You are a Reader' and we will be having a fun-filled day of reading and book-related activities to celebrate this special day. It would be fantastic if as many staff and students as possible, dress up as a character from their favourite book. We do appreciate that we are in a cost-of-living crisis therefore costumes do not need to be shop brought; we will be rewarding students for their imaginative and original costumes. What is more important is that your child's costume shows their book character with flair and imagination. If your child does not want to participate in dressing up, they can wear non-uniform (there will be no cost for this.)

Your child will receive a World Book Day token that they can exchange for a free book in local supermarkets and bookshops; just look for the World Book Day logo on the cover. You can also visit <https://www.worldbookday.com> for more information on the books available and other activities you can do at home with your child to share the love of reading, stories and books. Please also see overleaf for tips and ideas for reading together.

Thank you for your support with World Book Day. If you have any questions, please email me at [J.Overbury@hvh.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:J.Overbury@hvh.staffs.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely

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# Sharing stories together

Children love spending time looking at books with adults. It makes a big difference to their futures to **spend 10 minutes a day sharing a story**. There are no right or wrong ways to read out loud but sometimes it can be tricky to know where to begin. Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started:



- **I wonder...**

Ask open questions about how characters are feeling or what might happen next or why things are in the illustration.

- **Bring the book to life...**

Make faces, use voices, include actions – have fun together!

- **That reminds me of...**

Make personal connections.

- **What have you seen there?**

Follow their interests.

- **That's made me feel...**

Let your child know how the events of the story have affected you.

- **Oo look at that!**

Let them know what you have noticed.

- **Again, again...**

Re-reading is a great source of comfort for children – and a chance to spot things that you didn't see first time round. Challenge yourself to spot something new each time.



This guide is based on the work of The Open University. For further tips and advice on how to enjoy sharing and reading stories together, visit their website [here](#) for helpful videos and resources.



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