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Dear Parents and Carers.

It's nearly World Book Day and at St Stephens we are passionate about promoting reading for pleasure.

This year **World Book Day** takes place on **Thursday 7th March.**

Our current reading ambassadors met this week and decided that this year we will not be dressing up as book characters. Instead, we would love the children to decorate an object (such as a potato/wooden spoon/egg) as a character from a book. They can bring these characters to school on World Book Day.



We want to offer every child at our school the opportunity to have a book of their own and develop their love of reading. After its success last year, we will be holding another book swap. We would like children to bring in a book from home that they no longer need/want. We will then gather these books and every child in the school can come and choose a 'new to you' book to take home on World Book Day.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child receives a **£1 World Book Day Book Token** that can either be exchanged for one of TWELVE special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about the books at www.worldbookday.com/books.

On the day, your child will receive their book token which can be redeemed at most UK bookshops. Please help your child to use it on or around World Book Day by visiting your local bookshop, this might be on a high street or could be a supermarket. Asda, Morrisons, Sainsbury's and Tesco all stock the £1 books.

Each class will also be holding a 'Reading Cafe' from 2:45-3:15 to give parents and carers the opportunity to come into their child's class and to share books and stories with them.

You can join us in building your child's enthusiasm for books well beyond World Book Day by reading together regularly with your child, as well as joining the local library if you are not yet members.

For more information about World Book Day and ideas on sharing books at home, visit worldbookday.com.

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous—so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.

Many Thanks
Mrs Hooper (English Lead)

