



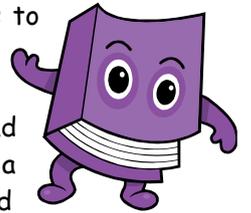
## **Book Week Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

Children's Book Week is here again to help us all celebrate reading for pleasure. We'd like to invite you to get involved and help your child to discover their love of reading!

Studies show that children who enjoy and feel confident in reading are better learners, and not just in English. Reading gives them a firm grasp on all subjects, and so whether they are ecstatic about their e-reader, crazy about comics, or bury themselves in a book, it's something to be celebrated.

### ***How to get involved at home - Get Talking!***

Get involved with Children's Book Week - one of the easiest and best ways is to talk to your child. Everyone has a favourite book - begin by finding out which books mean the most to different members of your family - and why? What books do you love? What books does your child love? Is it the story granddad couldn't put down as a boy, the one you read with a torch under the duvet, a baby's first book, or the one that recently stole your child's imagination or had them chuckling wildly?



### ***Top Reading Tips***

- ✓ Read aloud to each other - it's a great chance to talk and be close.
- ✓ Choose books that suit your child's interests e.g. comics, football, pets or dancing or a book that has been enjoyed and read over and over again. The main thing is to enjoy the reading experience and to promote reading for pleasure.
- ✓ Keep lots of books around. You can borrow from friends and family or the library, or buy from car boot sales, charity shops, bookshops or online.
- ✓ If you're stuck for ideas, ask a librarian or someone who works in a bookshop for advice. They will be happy to help as they love to talk about good books!

### **Book Fair**

The book fair arrives on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and will be open every day during book week. It will be in our library after school.

## **What's Happening During Book Week 2017?**

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - A.F. Harrold Author Visit**



We are delighted to welcome A.F. Harrold to our school. A.F. Harrold is an English poet, performer and children's author. He will start the day with a whole school assembly, and then work with each class. He will be bringing copies of his poetry book 'Things You Find In A Poet's Beard' RRP is £9.99, but when he visits schools the price is £5. He is of course, very happy to

sign them for the children. Check him out at <http://www.afharroldkids.com>

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Stop & Read and Teacher Swap

'Stop & Read' - the school bell is sounded at unexpected times throughout the day, signalling to everyone (staff and pupils) to stop what they are doing and pull out their books for five minutes' reading time.

'Teacher Swap' Each teacher will read one of their favourite books (or tell a favourite story) to a different class.



### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Class Swap

On Thursday children will have an opportunity to share a book with pupils in another class. Your child may wish to bring in a favourite book from home that day.

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Book Share

On Friday we would like to extend our usual bookshare to the whole school. This will give all parents/carers/friends the chance to come into school with the children at 8:50 and to share books for about twenty minutes. We would like to see as many of you as possible that morning, so why not round up other members of the family to come along as well?

#### Book Swap

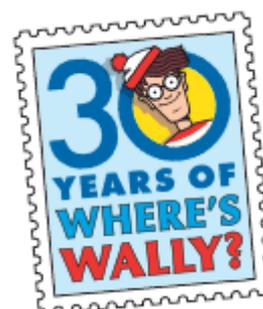
We are asking children to bring in books, which they have read and finished with, with a view to exchanging them. Books need to be in good condition (e.g. no torn pages, graffiti!) and suitable for that child's age group. The books for two adjacent year groups will be pooled (N/R, Y1/Y2, Y3/Y4, Y5/Y6) and children who brought in a book may then choose a new book to take home. The exchange will take place on *Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November*, so children need to bring in books and give them to their class teacher before then.



**Donations of any suitable children's books in good condition will be gratefully accepted!**



Wally is the creation of Martin Handford, whose entertaining drawings of crowd scenes first swept the globe in 1987. Since then, the 'Where's Wally?' books have held a favourite spot on bookstore shelves the world over and have sold over 67 million copies worldwide in 31 countries. Wally has reached celebrity status: he has been referenced in the primetime American TV shows *Frasier*, *The Simpsons* and *Friends*; he appeared on the 1000th anniversary cover of *Rolling Stone* magazine as a cultural icon of the last 40 years; he has even been found on Google Earth.



We will be celebrating 30 years of 'Where's Wally?' with activities throughout the week. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November children are invited to wear red, white and blue. Children are also welcome to dress up as Wally or one of the characters in the books if they wish.

**Thank you for supporting our Book Week!**