



Book Week²⁰²⁰

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will have seen from our newsletter, it soon will be our annual Book Week! For those of you who are not familiar with this event, it is an exciting time where the children participate in a variety of activities, in order to celebrate and enjoy books and reading.

Our chosen authors this year are **Zehra Hicks** and **Oliver Jeffers**. In the classroom, your child will be listening to a range of texts, as well as being involved in learning closely linked to the chosen authors. During this week, there will be other exciting events too. Please have a look below for more information.



Book Author visit

We are most fortunate to be having Zehra Hicks visit our school on **Tuesday 20th October**. She will be reading her books to the children, and each class will participate in a short workshop with her, where they will get to see a live story book illustration. Zehra will be adhering to our strict social distancing and hygiene measures. She will also bring along all of her own equipment for her live drawings, and any resources that the children need to use will be from their own classroom. To help cover the cost of this great event we require a voluntary contribution **of £3.00 per child. Please pay via SCOPay by Monday 12 October 12pm.**

If you would be interested in Zehra Hicks signing a copy of a book, you will be pleased to know there is an option to purchase 1 of 3 of her books through SCOPay. Pug Hug (paperback: £6.99), Giraffe and Frog (paperback: £6.99) and The Problem With Problems (hardback: £12.99). In order to have the books delivered to school ready for her to sign, please select and **pay for your chosen book via SCOPay by Monday 12 October 12pm**. They will be returned to pupils on 23 October (due to the books needing to be quarantined after signing). Thank you for your understanding at these challenging times.

Competition Time

Another tradition that we shall be continuing during Book Week is our **book cover design competition**. During the school day on Monday, all the children will be designing a book cover, based on books written by Zehra Hicks. She will then help to choose a winning selection from each year group and the lucky winners will be given a prize.

Story Swapping

To share our own love of reading with the children, each teacher will be reading a story by one of the chosen authors. These will be read to a different class each day on rotation, meaning that each class will have a different teacher visit them, to listen to various stories. Again, due to the current situation regarding COVID measures, and to ensure that no 'bubbles' are broken, each staff member will adhere to strict social distancing and hygiene measures (e.g. sharing a story from the entrance to the classroom, rather than joining the children over on their carpeted area).

Bedtime Story Evenings

Those parents/carers familiar with our Book Week traditions will remember the much loved bedtime story evening! This was a special event for both the children and the staff, where the children would return to school in the evening (in their pyjamas....) and then listen to stories read to them by their class teacher. Sadly, due to the COVID safety measures that are already in place at school regarding social distancing, and in order to keep everyone safe, this event will not be going ahead as normal this year. However, the children will still have the opportunity to listen to their class teacher read them a bedtime story. These stories will be in the form of pre-recorded videos, available through the class VLE pages. All recorded videos will be available from Monday 19th October so each class will have up to three different stories to choose from during the course of the week. As these are a special treat for the children, stories will only be available to watch during Book Week, so enjoy them whilst you can as they will be removed from class pages during Half Term!

Book Character Dressing Up Day

Also keeping with tradition, on the final day of Book Week (**Friday 23rd October**) we invite the children (and staff!) to come into school as a favourite book character. This can be any book character that they choose and does not have to be a character from books by our featured authors. We will celebrate the children's costumes during a Zoom school assembly on that day. **Due to COVID safety measures, we ask that costumes do not include any props.**

If you would like more information about any activities during Book Week, please speak to your child's class teacher. We are really looking forward to this fun filled week and hope that your child is too!

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