



Let's explore
the world...



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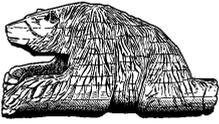
Monday 18th October 2021 - Thursday 21st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Week is fast approaching (Monday 18th October – Thursday 21st October) and I hope this letter will give you some details about what we'll be up to. 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.



The theme this year is 'Let's explore the World' with a focus on stories with different settings, or from different places. Each class will be busy with their own activities; however there will be some common themes...



Book Author visit

We are fortunate to be having author and illustrator Karin Littlewood visit our school on **Tuesday 19th October and Wednesday 20th October**. She will be reading her books to the children, and each class will participate in an illustration based workshop with her.

If you would be interested in Karin Littlewood signing a copy of her book, we would encourage you to purchase her stories online through sellers on sites

Things to Remember:

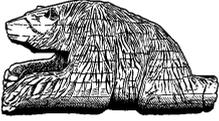
- Bring into class a favourite book on Monday 18th October
- Browse books at the Book Fair Monday 18th October – Thursday 21st October (before and after school in the hall)
- Author/illustrator visit Tuesday 19th October and Wednesday 20th October
- Bedtime Story Evening Tuesday 19th October (5.30PM – 6.15PM)
- Dressing up as a book character Thursday 21st October

Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting the school and you are invited to come and browse through a range of books that are available to purchase, before and after school. This may be a good opportunity to buy some early Christmas presents! Plus, whatever amount of money is raised will allow the school to

generate some commission, in order to get some lovely new books for our classrooms and library. The Travelling Book Fair will be located in the hall before school from 8.30am until 9.00am on Monday – Thursday and also after school from 3.00pm - 3.30pm on Monday - Thursday. Thank you in advance to those parents who have kindly offered to help staff the Book Fair. If you are able to help, please speak to the office. You can pay by cash/cheque for the books. Please if possible have the correct money as we have limited float. You can now pay over the phone to Travelling Books. Once you have selected your book/s at the Book Fair you can call and upon receipt of payment you will be given a transaction number (for more information on this go to www.travellingbooks.co.uk/phone-payment). Please fill in the slips available at the Book Fair and hand to the volunteers selling the books.





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 move around the school, to listen to various stories.

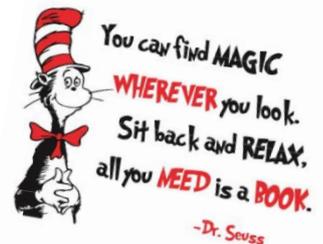
Bedtime Story Evenings

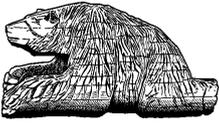
We are all delighted that bedtime story evening will be returning again this year! This is a special event for both the children and the staff, where the children can return to school in the evening and then listen to stories read to them by their class teacher. On **Tuesday 19th October**, the children are invited back to school at **5.30pm** for a bedtime story evening until **6.15pm**. In the past, children have come back to school in their pyjamas and brought along one small soft bedtime time object, such as a cuddly toy or blanket. We would like to keep with this tradition and would encourage the children to do the same again this year! During this time, the class teacher will read a range of poems and stories to your child and they will also have a drink and a biscuit. If your child has any allergies, please speak to their class teacher prior to this event. Regrettably, siblings are not allowed to stay in the classrooms whilst Bedtime story evening is taking place.

Drop off and pick up arrangements

Please use the following drop up and pick up arrangements for bedtime story evening;

- **Wrens** - drop off via the double green gates by Hambledon Road (the same as morning drop off arrangements). Pick up via the hall from the classroom.
- **Robins**- drop off to the classroom via the hall. Pick up via the hall from the classroom.
- **Finches**- drop off and pick up by the blue outside door on the playground.
- **Swallows**- drop off at the blue outside door to Finches. Pick up will be on the playground (like the end of school day).





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- **Wagtails and Woodpeckers-** drop off and collect your child from their classrooms.

Parents are welcome to stay in the hall and visit the Travelling Book Fair during this time and collect their child from the above locations promptly at 6.15pm. The PTA will be available to provide refreshments during this time. Mr Heatley will also be available to welcome you.

If your child is attending SCL after school club care on this day and you would like them to attend bedtime story evening, please let the office know and remember to send your child into school with a named plastic bag and their pyjamas.

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 or illustrated by Karin Littlewood. She will then help to choose a winning selection from each year group and the lucky winners will be given a prize.

Book Character Dressing Up Day

Also keeping with a popular tradition, on the final day of Book Week (**Thursday 21st 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 author/illustrator. However, we recognize and appreciate that not all children will want to participate in this and it is an optional activity. We will celebrate the children's costumes during a whole school assembly on that day.

If you would like any 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!



Mrs Sollufi (English Leader)