



9th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

**World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

This year the school theme for our World Book Day is ‘Words around the World’. We will have lots of special activities going on in school based around our chosen texts, including a special visit from our favourite local author, Janice Akhtar. As usual, we would like to invite the children to choose a character to dress up as. The text can be a story, poem or play, and we would encourage children to think about why it is “Around the World”. What connections does the character, setting, author or poet have with a city or country around the world? Please note that if your child really does not want to dress as a character, they do not have to.

Hopefully there is something for everyone and we have given a few suggestions to help the children think of ideas. Here is selection, but you can always come up with one of your own!

<b>Author – their characters or themselves!</b>	<b>Text</b>	<b>Setting</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micheal Morpurgo</li> <li>• Rudyard Kipling</li> <li>• Eoin Colfer</li> <li>• Julia Donaldson</li> <li>• Astrid Lindgren</li> <li>• Malorie Blackman</li> <li>• Vashti Harrison</li> <li>• Dr Seuss</li> <li>• Eric Carle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anansi the spiderman - Akan folklore (Ghana)</li> <li>• The Great Kapok Tree (Amazonian tale)</li> <li>• Lin Yi’s Lantern (China)</li> <li>• The Seven Kites of Matariki (Maori legend)</li> <li>• Beowulf (Anglo-Saxon tale in Scandanavia)</li> <li>• How the Stars Fell into the Sky (Navajo Legend)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jungle</li> <li>• Desert</li> <li>• Arctic</li> <li>• Ocean</li> <li>• Forest</li> <li>• City</li> </ul>



We would also like to invite families to create a wooden “story spoon” character to celebrate the day and form part of a whole school display. These can be any character from a favourite story or can even be a mini-me of your dressing up idea on World Book Day.

Local author and ex-Tatsfield teacher, Janice Akhtar will be leading workshops for pupils throughout the day and will be signing copies of her books for the children. These need to be pre-ordered in advance and will be available through the Arbor School Shop (at retail prices). Please see here for more details on the titles available: [Shop | Janice Akhtar, children's author \(janakhtar.com\)](http://janakhtar.com)

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either me or the school office. We will be in touch again soon with more information about the events during the day.

Yours sincerely  
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