



# Dore Primary School

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February 15<sup>TH</sup> 2016,

Dear parents and carers,

This year **World Book Day**, the biggest annual celebration of books and reading for children in the UK, falls on **Thursday 3rd March**. World Book Day is marked in more than one hundred countries around the world and will be celebrated for the 19<sup>th</sup> time in 2016.

Children at school will take part in a range of activities intended to celebrate books throughout the day. Please ensure your child has their **Reading Record** in school on this day.

If you are available, you are invited to come and read with your child in the morning. Please go with your child to their classroom when the bell rings and then normal lessons will begin at **9.00 am**.

There will be an opportunity in class for children to talk about their favourite book. Children can bring this book on **World Book Day** and should be prepared to talk about why it is their favourite book. Hopefully, this will encourage children to read a wider range of books after listening to the interests of their peers.

Children are also invited to **dress as a character from a children's book** on **Thursday 3rd March**. If children do not wish to dress up as a character they must come to school on that day in school uniform.

As in previous years, school children are receiving a free **£1.00 equivalent book token**, which can be exchanged in all participating bookshops for one of the six specially published £1.00 books. These books by top authors cater for a wide age group:

Age 5+	'Daisy and Jack ' by Kes Gray
Age 5 +	'The Great Mouse Plot ' by Roald Dahl .
Age 7 +	'The World of Norm' by Jonathan Meres.
Age 7 +	'Star Wars: Adventure in Wild Space, by Cavan Scott
Age 9 +	'Harper and the Sea of Secrets, by Cerrie Burnell .
Age 9 +	'The Boy Who Could Do What He Liked' by David Baddiel.

The redemption period of the Book Tokens is from **Monday 29 February–Sunday 27th March 2016**, inclusive, and the cost of redeeming the Book Tokens is funded entirely by booksellers. Please note that bookshops will have limited quantities of the £1.00 books, so please visit a participating bookshop as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Alternatively the token can be used to get £1.00 off any book costing more than £2.99.

You can also look out for special displays and details of family based activities in local bookshops and libraries, which will focus on a range of children's books from all ages. To find out more about World Book Day please visit the website at: [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

## **500 Words Story Competition**

This year BBC Radio 2 is once again running its popular '500 words' short story competition. Children under the age of 13 can enter this competition via the website. Details of the competition are on the following website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio2/500words/>  
If your child does write an entry to this competition, please print a copy for your child to bring into school. I would like to make a special book of all the entries from Dore Primary.

Thank you for your support with this exciting day. Best Wishes,

Mrs Wells and Mr Hanks



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## **HINTS AND TIPS FOR READING AT HOME**

**As a parent or carer, you can help your child to read in many different ways. Research shows that children whose families read together at home are more likely to become successful, confident and independent readers.**

### **When?**

Help your child to enjoy reading each day by making it part of the family routine. A short daily session, without distractions, is better than a long occasional one.

### **What?**

Try to encourage your child to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books. Join the local library and encourage your child to pick their own book. This will help your child to develop their own individual interests. Help your child to select books in areas and topics that interest them.

### **Where?**

Find a comfortable place, without distractions, where you can enjoy reading together. Keep favourite books in a place where they can be easily found. Having lots of reading material around helps your child to see how important and enjoyable reading is.

### **With whom?**

Your child does not need to read with the same adult every day. By talking with different family members or friends about reading, your child will learn to enjoy a range of books. Children learn to respect the preferences of others, by discussing their own likes and dislikes. Try to be a model reader; it is important that your child sees you reading books, newspapers and other material on a regular basis.

### **How?**

Help your child to read by praising good expression and fluency. Encourage children to pause for commas and full stops. Children may also change their voice for different punctuation marks, such as exclamation marks, when reading aloud as a character. Discuss the title and genre of the book. Talk about the content of the book and any links that the subject matter may have with events that your child has experienced. Ask your child to summarise a chapter or the whole book.



### **Questions to ask when reading at home with your child:**

**Why do you think [a character] did that?**

**How do you think [a character] is feeling at the moment? Show me what words/phrases tell us that.**

**Why do you think [an event] happened?**

**What do you think will happen next? What makes you think that?**

**How do you think the author wants us to feel at this moment? What is she/he trying to do here?**

**Do you know what the word means or can you work out what it means (in this sentence)?**

**What other word could the author have used that means the same sort of thing?**

**Don't forget to comment in your child's Reading Record as well. Thanks for your continued support.**



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