

Dear Parents & Carers

World Book Day 2nd March 2017

At Chandlers Ridge we work incredibly hard to prioritise reading, believing that education is essentially a social liberator and at the heart of that lies the ability to read. A large proportion of our timetable is devoted to hearing children read, developing their skills and developing a generation of children who love to read.

We endeavour to do this across the whole year, buying new books every term for every classroom, enhancing our reading areas, teaching an exciting curriculum and celebrating children's progress in reading. A recent visitor praised us on how our love of reading was clearly evident throughout school.

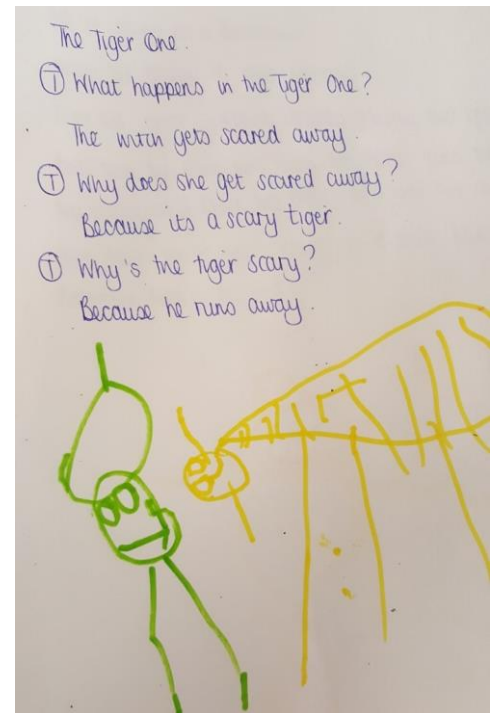
World Book Day is intended to be a celebration of reading. To do this we have lots of activities planned throughout school. Just two examples include our Year 4 children going to the theatre to see Gangsta Granny on Friday, which has been their class read, and our Reception children are making models of characters from their favourite stories. Furthermore, we have had assemblies promoting reading, detailing favourite books, authors and characters.

Our whole school aim this World Book Day is to equip more homes with high quality books, motivating our young people to read. To do this we have announced our participation in the Usborne 'Ready Steady Read' programme. This week we are asking children to where possible be sponsored to read just that little bit more than usual. The sponsor money is then split between more books for our classrooms with vouchers that the children can spend during our upcoming Usborne book fair. We believe the impact of this lasts much longer than the one day.

We appreciate the concern from parents that we are not dressing up this year. Apparently £400,000 has been spent nationally in supermarkets on dressing up clothes. As a school we discussed whether or not we should dress up. Our honest answer, has this £400,000 had an impact on children and their reading? Could it have been more useful if it was spent on books? We are also mindful of the fact that some of our parents face financial pressures. All children want to take part in these events and at £13 – 15 per costume, this is a very costly ask, especially those who have more than one child in school.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please come into school or contact me directly on crnbryant@chandlersridge.org.uk.

Here's some examples of our celebration of reading across each year group:



Nursery writing about their favourite books.



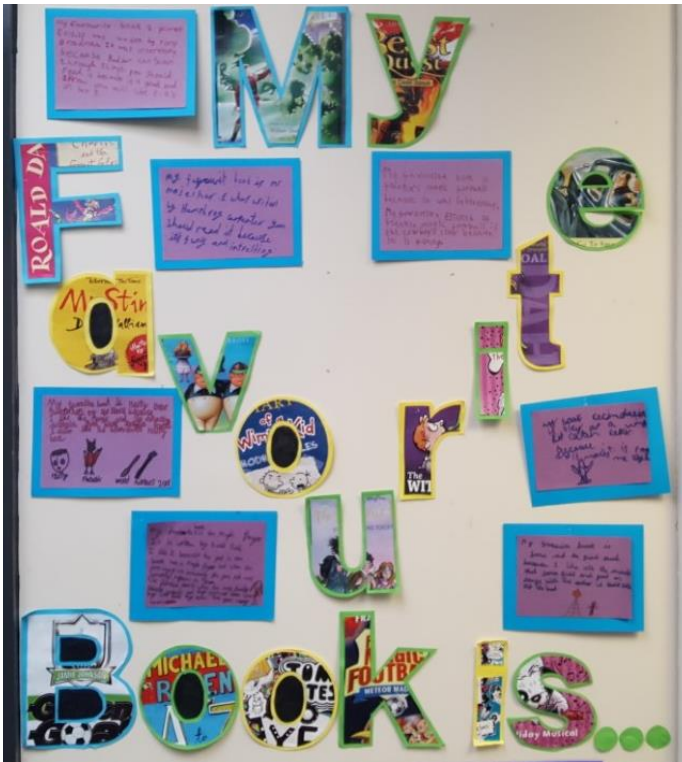
Reception have been making puppets of their favourite story character, drawing pictures and writing sentences about their favourite story, writing book reviews and of course, reading stories!



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Year 3 have been celebrating their reading and recommending their favourites to their peers.



Motivational quotes in Year 5.



Year 6 sharing their favourite book in assembly.



Celebration work in Year 4, surrounded by essential vocabulary.

