



HARNHAM INFANT SCHOOL

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Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Families,

Book Week at Harnham Infant School –

Week beginning 24th February 2025

NB: This is the first week back after half term.

We have some exciting things happening at our school during Book Week, linked to raising the profile and enjoyment of stories and reading even further across the school. This year's Book Week theme is 'Child Initiated' – the children are going to vote for the text they want their learning to be centred around!

Below you will find a brief outline of the plans for the week.

A trip to The Rocketship Book Shop

Across the week each class will visit The Rocketship Bookshop in town, the children will enjoy a story time session before exploring the bookshop. They will have an opportunity to ask questions about the shop and the books it holds before spending their World Book Day token.

Ahead of this trip taking place we need you to give permission for your child to attend, please do this on Arbor by Friday 7th February – thank you. (This option will be available on Arbor from next Monday).

For this trip to go ahead we are reliant upon parent volunteers who are happy to walk into town and back again. The class days and times can be found below (please note these are different to the original dates sent out in the whole school calendar), if you are able to support this trip, please talk to your child's class teacher – thank you.



<u>EYFS – Thursday 27th February</u>	<u>Yr1 – Friday 28th February</u>	<u>Yr2 – Wednesday 26th February</u>
Robins, 9am – 11.30am	Bees, 9am – 11.30am	Badgers, 9am – 11.30am
Ladybirds, 9.30am – 12pm	Woodpeckers, 9.30am – 12pm	Dragonflies, 9.30am – 12pm
Hedgehogs, 12.40pm – 3pm	Squirrels, 12.45pm – 3pm	Owls, 12.45pm – 3pm

Sponsored Reading Challenge

To encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a **Sponsored Reading Challenge** in association with **Usborne Books** between **Monday 17th February** and **Friday 28th February**.

We are inviting your child to take part in this fun reading event. Children are sponsored to complete as many of the reading challenges in the grid (see separate attachment) as they can for the duration of the event and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

This project is being organised in conjunction with our **Usborne Books representative**, Gemma Cotterell. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in **EXTRA FREE BOOKS** to the school.

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for our children by encouraging your child to raise sponsorship money and complete as many of the fun reading challenges as possible.





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Should you wish to support our sponsored reading challenge, please find enclosed a sponsorship form for your child along with a grid of challenges to complete. If you would like a paper copy of the sponsorship form please collect one from the admin office.

After the event, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school, electronically via Arbor, by **Friday 7th March**. Thank you for your support with this event.

Masked Reader

Take it off! Take it off! Take it off! Each day during snack time the children will watch a video of a 'masked' member of staff reading a story or non-fiction text aloud, will they be able to guess who is reading the book before the end of the story when the reader will be revealed!?

Shoebox Story Worlds

Throughout the week we will be turning old shoeboxes into magical story worlds which we will then use to decorate our School Library. If you have any shoeboxes that you no longer need, please could you drop them into the school Office for us – thank you!

Seesaw Challenge

We would love for children to upload a video of themselves telling or reading a story to their Seesaw account. These will then be shared and celebrated with their class friends. You can be as creative as you like with this challenge – perhaps the children would like to pretend they are a teacher and read the story to their toys, perhaps they might tell a story they know by heart or perform a story using puppets! We can't wait to see what they create.



Reading Café - Wednesday 26th February, 3.15 – 4pm in the School Library.

Come along to our free Reading Café to share a story with your child/ren whilst enjoying some light refreshments – all welcome!

There will also be a **Costume Library** available to look through, this rail of fancy dress costumes has been put together by the wonderful HSA team. If you need a costume ahead of World Book Day please come and help yourself, free of charge.

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

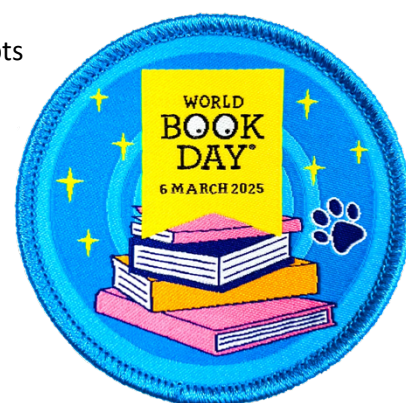
This year we are asking that children come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in a book themed costume. Throughout the day the children will enjoy lots of different book themed activities as well as story swaps and more.

We hope you agree that our plans to celebrate Book week will be enjoyed by all the children. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

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Reading Challenge



Read to someone older than you	Read in an unusual place 	Read outside
Read a book with a red cover  	Read a book with an animal in it 	Read to someone younger than you
Read to your pet 	Read a book with a blue cover	Read a non-fiction book
Read a poem	Read a magazine or newspaper 	Read a website 
Read something that isn't in full sentences 	Read a book with pictures in it 	Read a book that someone else recommended

How many can you complete?
Tick the ones you have achieved



