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Dear parents and carers,

### Re: World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March** (not Thursday 7th March). The theme this year is 'Reading for Pleasure'. There are 5 elements of reading for pleasure:

- Being read to regularly
- Having books at home and at school
- Having a choice in what to read
- Having a trusted friend to find a book
- Making reading fun

We have planned an Underhill World Book Day around these elements!

#### **Being read to regularly**

For one week only, children will collect their FREDs by an adult reading to them. On the week beginning 4th March, mums, dads, grandparents and carers have to read to their child every night. Pick a story you both enjoy, get comfy and get lost in an imaginary world together. Remember to write what you read in your FRED bookmark and bring it to school every day.

It would be great if you can take a photograph of you and your child reading together and email it to us at [head@underhill.barnetmail.net](mailto:head@underhill.barnetmail.net).

#### **Having books in home and at school**

At the end of the day, we will hold a **Book Exchange** in the playground. It is a simple idea - bring a book and take a book. We will set up all books in the playground so everyone can find their next favourite book for free. The Book Fairies of King Alfred School have also hidden some books here. (Thank you to King Alfred School for their kind donations!)

#### **Having a choice in what you read**

Next week, the children will be given their World Book Day tokens. You can use them to choose a brilliant book from participating bookstores. The books this year are really exciting, make sure you go and choose yours. You can see the selection here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/>



Children will also have the chance to choose and buy books for their class corners. Please come prepared with any suggestions and requests. We will spend some time getting excited about books and then the School Council will hold a vote to decide the most popular books for us to purchase.

### **Having a trusted friend to find a book**

We really want to know our pupils as readers. On Friday 8th, please bring anything you have read in the last 24 hours (a book, magazine or even cereal box) so we can start to create a school 'Reading River'. The Reading River will show what children are reading at the moment and will be a nice way to promote popular literature amongst friends.

### **Make reading fun**

On Underhill World Book Day (Friday 8th March) we will 'get comfy and read'. Children are allowed to come to school wearing anything that they feel comfortable in, clothes that you like to wear when you are snuggling up to read a good book!

Thank you for your continued support - we are all really looking forward to a wonderful World Book Day!

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