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Dear Parents and Carers,

This year, World Book Day (WBD) will be on Thursday 2nd of March. At Great Crosby Catholic Primary School, we strongly believe in developing a love of reading. We use World Book Day to promote this and encourage children to read as many books as possible. Over the day, we will be planning engaging activities for the children to partake in, and in so doing, hope that this will increase each and everyone's reading for pleasure.

We choose not to dress up on the day for two reasons. The first reason is that we know that the cost of living is ever increasing and do not want to further add to those demands by asking families to buy a costume for their child/children. Another reason is, that if families are spending money on World Book Day, we feel money would be better spent on buying a book for children to enjoy, rather than a costume. We enclose your child's World Book Day voucher with this letter. The voucher is valid from Thursday 16th February until Sunday 26th March. Our local book shop, Pritchards, is participating in the £1 book voucher scheme. Some books will be available on a first come first served for £1.

On World Book Day, each class will be having a class game of Guess Who. For this, we would like you to read your child's favourite book with them, or encourage them to read independently, depending on their age. Please then support your child in choosing their favourite character from the book and draw them on the template on the back of this letter. Alternatively, you could print out a picture of the character. Bring this in to school on World Book Day, or as soon as we come back after half term. Your child's teacher will keep it safe until the big day.

Here are some activities you could do with your children over half term and in the run up to World Book Day.

- Share a book with your child every day;
- Read in front of your child, so they can see you enjoying your book too;
- Visit your local library;
- Find out about children's laureates past and present with your child;
- Participate in some of the WBD activities in the 'For families' section on the WBD website <https://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/about-world-book-day/> Bring your pieces in to school when you've completed them.

We hope that we have given you these activities in plenty of time, so that you can make a start over half term.

Happy reading and thank you for your continued support in promoting reading for pleasure in your homes.

Kind regards,
Kate Miller
Reading Lead.