



25 February 2021

Dear All

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day, 2021. Whereas in previous years we have enjoyed dressing up as our favourite literary characters in school, we are having to adapt our plans somewhat this year but are confident we can still mark this occasion in an enjoyable and memorable way. As per normal, there are also Book Vouchers for every pupil redeemable at participating shops (including online) these will be distributed when they return to school.

For this year, we have decided to combine a couple of ideas to create an **“Extreme Reading Challenge”**. This competition will run across both schools all next week from Monday 1st March until Friday 5th March.

For the Extreme Reading Challenge we would like pupils to take a photograph of themselves reading in a strange or unusual place around the home, garden or their immediate local vicinity. This could, for example, be in a treehouse, on a trampoline, in a blanket fort, in a tent pitched indoors, with a pet or in the loft. Most importantly, all photographs should be taken in a safe and appropriate manner and we would not condone any stunts that risk life, limb or damage to property (or book characters)!

In addition to this, we would like the pupils to get creative and have a try at decorating household objects as book characters (or even to create a scene from a book). Items they could use include: table lamps, tennis/ping-pong/footballs, hard-boiled eggs, vegetables like carrots and potatoes, soft furnishings, etc. and this could form part of their photo. Below are just a few ideas to spark your imagination.



Parents can then submit entries (one per child) via the school website using Google Forms (the pupils will need to be signed in with a Google email address in order to use this - their Google Classrooms account would be the ideal option). <https://www.catlive.co.uk/worldbookday2021/>

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Additionally, if your child wishes to dress up for their photo - and you have the resources readily at hand - then they are more than welcome - but there is no pressure from us, we just want them to have a bit of fun to celebrate the world of stories!

Winners will be selected from each of four categories:

- Reception and KS1
- Lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4)
- Upper KS2 (Years 5 and 6)
- KS3 (Years 7 and 8).

We look forward to seeing your child's crazy and imaginative submissions.

Kind regards

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