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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: World Book Week 2024

From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, pupils at Walmley Junior School will be celebrating World Book Week. World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Throughout the week, there will be lots of activities that your child will be taking part in:

- **Teacher Swap:** your child will have a different class teacher read to them.
- **Spellathon:** a year group spelling competition.
- **Paired Reading:** read with children from another year group.
- **Where's Wally?** Children can take part in a hunt for Wally around the school.
- **Yoto World of Stories:** Children can enjoy a free selection of audio books with Yoto, the official partner of World Book Day.
- **Explore a New Book:** *How To Live Forever by Colin Thompson* is our World Book Day book this year and the children will create work in response to this. It is also our Spring Term reading competition book so encourage your child to take part if they can.
- **World Book Day £1 Book Tokens:** these will be handed out to your child. Tokens need to be redeemed between Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March in participating stores.

### Exciting News: The West End in Schools Company are coming back to Walmley!

This will take place during book week and the pupils will get a chance to work with a performing arts choreographer from the West End to bring books to life. Year 3 and 4 will be exploring 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and Year 5 and 6 will be focusing on 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl.

### Book Swap

As in previous years, if you are able to, please can you send your child with unwanted children's books (that are in good condition) into school. For each book that your child brings in, they will receive a book token that they can then redeem for other books in the book swap. If your child brings in two books, they will receive two tokens and can redeem them against two books.



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Please can all books be sent to the school hall on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The book swap will take place during the morning.

### Dress Up Day

On World Book Day (Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March), children and staff can come into school dressed up as their favourite book character. We know that this is the best day in school for some children and we look forward to seeing their costumes.

However, we would also like to celebrate the importance of sharing stories at bedtime and we are mindful of the rising cost of living and the pressure it puts on parents to buy new World Book Day costumes. Therefore, if your child would prefer to come to school wearing clean pyjamas and bring in their favourite book or small soft toy, that too will also be celebrated. Slippers, dressing gowns and onesies are also welcome but please ensure you send children in with appropriate outside footwear for break and lunchtime.

If you have any questions about World Book Week, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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