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The Crescent Book Week Monday 2nd March – Friday 6th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Book Week is fast approaching and we are really looking forward to celebrating our love of reading with the children. World Book Week provides a fantastic opportunity to promote reading for pleasure, support children's autonomy in choosing books, and help embed lifelong reading habits that bring a wide range of benefits. Throughout the week, children will take part in a variety of exciting book-related activities, including virtual author workshops, a whole-school art project (which will be displayed in the library) and a special dress-up day and parade.

On **Thursday 5th March**, we invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. That morning, we will hold a short parade to showcase the children's wonderful costumes (weather permitting). The parade will begin at approximately **9:00am**, with each class parading around the school field led by their class teacher. Parents and carers are very welcome to stay and watch. The school gates will remain open until the parade finishes at approximately **9:15am**. We kindly ask parents to stand around the outer edge of the field while watching the parade.

Children will be bringing home a **World Book Day £1 book token**, which can be exchanged for a £1 book or used as part payment towards a book of their choice.

We would also love to invite families to take part in **optional home projects** to help celebrate Book Week. Please see attached some suggested ideas for this fun, creative and inventive book related projects.

We appreciate your support in emphasising the importance — and the joy — of reading with your children. Best wishes,

Mrs Staley and Mrs Burrough
Reading & Writing Leads

Reach for the Stars



Home projects

This year, we are delighted to invite children and their families to take part in some fun, creative, book-related home projects to celebrate our love of reading. These activities are completely optional, but they offer a wonderful opportunity to enjoy stories together, get creative, and help nurture a lifelong love of reading. As this year is the **National Year of Reading**, we are especially excited to celebrate books and reading for pleasure in a big way! **These projects can be brought into school at any point across the week.**

Paint a potato / stone

Bring a book to life by decorating a potato/stone using paint to represent something from a favourite story. This could be a character from a book, but it might also be an object, a scene, or even a setting from a story. Children can add facial features, clothing, accessories, or patterns and are encouraged to be as imaginative and creative as possible. There is no right or wrong way — it's all about having fun and sharing a love of books!



Create a Book Diorama

Create a mini scene inspired by a book using an old shoe box/jam jar, junk-modelling materials, paint, and craft supplies. Children could recreate a memorable setting, an exciting moment from the story, or a place where the characters spend time. For example, this could be a classroom from *The Boy at the Back of the Classroom*, the chocolate factory from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, or a scrap metal yard from *The Iron Man*. Adding labels, captions, or short explanations about the book is encouraged and helps children talk proudly about their chosen story.



We can't wait to see the wonderful creations the children produce and to celebrate their imagination, creativity, and enthusiasm for reading!