

Dear parents and carers,



Mystery Readers is BACK

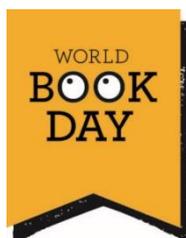
At Prior Heath, we are passionate about reading and are always looking for ways to promote reading for enjoyment to the children. Listening to a range of different readers provides valuable role models who can inspire the children. We would like to ask for volunteers to come into school as Mystery Readers. Volunteers could be parents, grandparents, other family members or friends and would visit their child's class to read to the children for approximately ten minutes. Reading material should be age appropriate and could include a short story, an extract from a longer book or other reading material that you think the children would enjoy. We can provide suitable stories if you wish. If you, or someone you know is interested, please contact your child's class teacher to find out more or to arrange a visit. We look forward to hearing from you.



World Book Day

This year, we are celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March** when your child is invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. We shall be celebrating with activities throughout the day.

We will also hold a book fair after school throughout the week. Further details will follow.



Home Reading Records

Please remember to read regularly with your child and note what you read in their Yellow books along with any comments. Discussion about the book is vital to improving their comprehension skills. This can be done in a number of different ways

- by discussing the text
- retelling the story
- asking questions to check their understanding

We are trying to raise the children's awareness of the different types of books available to read. Please encourage your child to read from different genre. The children can keep a record and colour a box in the appropriate column. This will also allow us to identify your child's reading preferences and ensure they are reading a range of different genre.

Please colour a box when you choose a book from each genre						
Fiction		Non-fiction			Poetry	

If at any time you would like any advice on supporting your child's reading development, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. There are also resources on the school website, including questions to develop comprehension skills, reading meeting presentations with useful ideas and a suggested book list. Please use the following link:

<http://priorheathinfant.co.uk/curriculum/english/>

Thank you for continuing to support your child's reading development and love of books by reading with them at home.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Shah (Reading Subject Leader)

