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“Together we can achieve more”

Tuesday 26th February 2019

World Book Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thursday 7th March is World book day. We will be asking children and teachers to dress up as a book character for the day. There will be an assembly celebrating our love of books and children will be encouraged to speak to their class about their favourite character.

We will also be having visits from three authors;

Allan Durrant will be working with Years 5 and 6. In 2007 he won the Portsmouth Children's Picture Book Award for *Burger Boy*, which was later featured in an episode of CITV's *Bookaboo*, winning both a BAFTA and British Animation Award. His books have also been shortlisted for the Red House Children's Book Award (*Dear Tooth Fairy*), the Kate Greenaway Medal (*Always and Forever*), and the Nottingham Children's Book Award (*Gameboy*). He has twice won the Kingston Borough/Waterstone's Poetry Prize.

Neil Arksey will be working with Years 3 and 4. Early in his career he helped develop *Little Robots*, a pre-school TV show broadcast on BBC in the United Kingdom. He went on to write scripts for *Little Robots* as well as a number of other shows aimed at the same age-group including *Kipper the Dog*. His latest book is *Intelligent Life*. The central character is a boy called Jonathan.

Teresa Heapy will be working with Reception Y1 and Y2. She is the author of the *Very Little* picture book series: *Very Little Red Riding Hood*, *Very Little Cinderella*, *Very Little Sleeping Beauty* and *Very Little Rapunzel*, all illustrated by Sue Heap. Her latest book, *The Marvellous Moon Map*, illustrated by David Litchfield, was published in October 2017 by Penguin Random House. Its sequel, *The Spectacular City*, came out in October 2018. In July 2018, David Fickling Books will published Teresa's picture book *Loved to Bits*, illustrated by Katie Cleminson.

We feel these visits are really important to children. They are part of an enriched curriculum and give children an understanding of how to channel their creativity and the process of having initial ideas to a completed pieces of work. Most importantly they inspire children and show what it is possible to achieve. You will be receiving more information about the visits nearer the time.

There is a cost involved with these visits and we are requesting a **£3 voluntary contribution Thursday 7th March**. We would very grateful for your contribution as without it these visits would not be possible.

Yours Sincerely

David Wilson
Deputy Headteacher

“The Headteacher’s passion for ensuring all pupils receive an outstanding education is tangible in all aspects of the school’s work.”
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