

HIGHFIELD WORLD BOOK WEEK 2nd - 6th March 2020

As part of our continued efforts to raise the standards of literacy in our school, and to coincide with the exciting day that is 'World Book Day', we are holding Highfield's World Book Week from Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March. During the week we will have a range of exciting reading activities and we will be visited by different authors. To cover the costs for this week we are asking for a £2.50 donation from each pupil, which can be paid, through Parentpay.



Extreme Reading Challenge

This year we will be running an Extreme Reading Challenge as part of our World Book Week celebrations. Children are invited to take a photograph of themselves reading in the most extreme place they can think of, or doing something extreme while reading. Please be careful though, we don't want any injuries!! There are some amazing examples on the internet (Google Extreme Reading) from reading in a bath full of books, to reading while doing yoga! But can **YOU** do better and be in with a chance of winning a prize...?! Please submit your photos to your child's class teacher by Friday 6th March. Remember to include

your child's full name and class on the back of the photo.

Secret Storytellers

We are also hoping to encourage some parents to come in and read to classes. The idea is that we will have a bank of 'Secret Storytellers' who will volunteer to read a story of their choice to their child's class at 3pm on **Thursday 5th March 2020**. The children will hear a knock at the door, then they will be greeted by a 'Secret Storyteller' who will bring with them a book to share with the class. If you wish to volunteer, please email the School Office, FAO Mrs Morton (by Friday 28th February), with your name and the class in which you would like to read a story. If we are inundated with volunteers, we may consider inviting 'Secret Storytellers' into Highfield on other days that week too, (2-6th March), so if you cannot do Thursday but would like to be involved, please do mention your availability in your email.

Vocabulary Day Thursday 5th March

As a school we want to inspire the children to enrich their vocabulary; therefore this year we would like children to dress up as their favourite word – the more creative and unique the better. Building the children's vocabulary is important as it helps to develop reading comprehension skills and improve spelling and writing. The costume should illustrate the chosen word and the children should learn the definition so that everybody can learn new words throughout the day (you could also include the written definition on a card in case they forget). There will be prizes for the most obscure and imaginative words. If you look up 'vocabulary parade ideas' there are lots of inspiring ideas for fantastic words (incognito, flamboyant, discombobulated.)



If children do not wish to participate they can dress as a book character or just wear their normal school uniform.

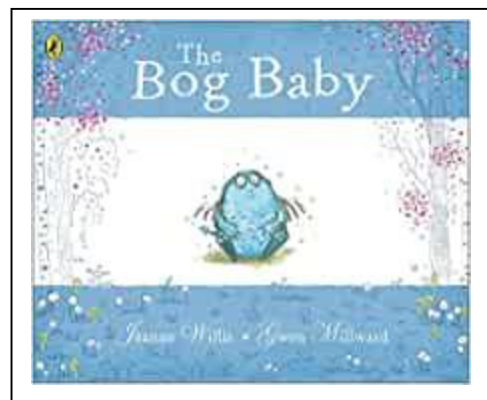
Book Drive

Do you have any unwanted picture or story books at home? We would like to develop a lending library for all children across the school. If you have any unwanted books suitable for children up to the age of 11 please leave them in the boxes that will be outside the main reception area each morning during Highfield's World Book Week.

Author visits

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Author visit Jeanne Willis Tuesday 3rd March

This year as part of our World Book Week celebrations we have been lucky enough to arrange for award-winning children's author Jeanne Willis to visit. Jeanne is published worldwide and has written over 150 books including picture books, novelty, teen novels and poetry. She was shortlisted for the Whitbread for her novel *Naked Without a Hat*, won the Smarties Silver for *Tadpole's Promise* and many more. Jeanne will be reading from a range of her stories to the children and will also be available after school for a book signing session. We have also arranged for Waterstone's to have a stall at school to sell Jeanne Willis' books to you after school whilst Jeanne is here, they will accept cash or card payments.



Year 3 and 4 Author visit Georgina Simmons Tuesday 3rd March

Georgina Simmons will be sharing extracts from her new book, *The Chronicles of Jozzie Taylor*, this is an exciting fast-paced adventure story about an incredible young girl and the magical world she comes from. Georgina will also be running workshops with children and will be available for book signing after school. You can purchase her books in advance from Amazon (books will not be available from school).

Year 5 and 6 performance poet visit Zohab Zee Khan Friday 6th March

Zohab Khan is an educator, spoken word poet, motivational speaker and hip-hop artist. Since 2006, Zohab has been building a career in spoken word poetry, including winning the Australian Poetry Slam Champion in 2014. Zohab has performed and conducted poetry workshops in over 30 countries across the world. He has made appearances at the Sydney, Auckland, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Byron Bay, Bellingen, Ubud (Indonesia), Bookworm Literary (China), Sunshine Coast, Darwin and National Young Writers Festivals. His workshops aim to inspire change and confidence in young people through spoken word poetry and we are delighted that he will be working with Year 5 and Year 6 children on Friday 6th March.