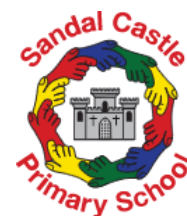


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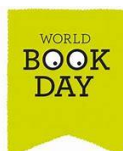


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World Book

Day



World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 2nd March, and we are looking forward to celebrating this exciting day in school. The theme for the day will be 'Share a Story', and children are welcome to bring in their favourite story to share with their classmates on the day (please include a name in your child's book if possible!). We will be taking time out throughout the day to share a story with our classmates and teachers - and there may even be some special visitors who come in to share their story choices too!

Children can come to school on the day in their pyjamas, and everyone will be taking home their own World Book Day voucher to choose a story from a local bookseller.

We will also be launching a very exciting 'Book Selfie' competition, linked to World Book Day,



Home Reading

Books

Attention - Parents of EYFS and KS1 children...

Some exciting changes will be happening in school with your child's home reading books! We are in the process of moving over to a new reading book scheme to work alongside our RWI Home Reading Books. This will take

a few weeks for us to get up and running, so in the meantime, your child may just bring home one reading book. Once we have more information on how the new scheme will work, we will be sending this out - we think it is going to be great!

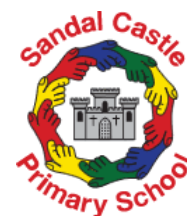
Phonic 'Stay and Play' session - Year 1

We are launching some new after school 'stay and play' sessions after February half term. As part of these, you will be able to stay behind after 3pm and play with some of the phonic games and activities that we use in school. It is an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about phonics and reading, and learn with your child in a relaxed, fun environment. There will even be an opportunity to take some of the activities home with you, to carry on the fun!

The event will be for Year 1 parents and children (with sessions later in the half term for other year groups), and will take place from 3.15-4.15pm on Thursday 2nd March. It will be a drop-in session, and you do not need to book a place.



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Events taking place in Wakefield over Half Term.

We are all very much looking forward to the half term break. There are lots of exciting events going on in the local area, which you might enjoy taking part in with your families.

Normanton Library:

Valentines Arts and Crafts: 13.02.23 - 10-11am

Make your own placemat - 16.02.23 - 10-11am

'Bricktopia' - Lego Club 16.02.23 - 1.30-3pm

Wakefield Story Trail Walks

There are some great story trails around the Wakefield area, if you fancy getting out and about and exploring a favourite story!

All free, and no need to book - more information can be found at the visitor centres.

Pugney's Country Park - Blown Away Trail

Angler's Country Park - Room on the Broom Trail

Pontefract Park - Peter's Lost Peregrine

16th February

10.30-11.30am/1.30-2.30pm

Foodie Fun at Wakefield Museum (Learning Zone)

There are special crafty activities linked to the Rhubarb Festival aimed at children aged 2-5 years old. Free - no need to book.

17th February

10-12pm/1.30-3pm

Make your own rhubarb crumble - Wakefield Museum (Learning Zone)

Working together to make your own rhubarb crumble to take home and bake. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

£2.50 per child. Accompanying adult is free.

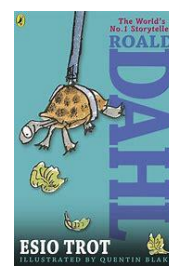
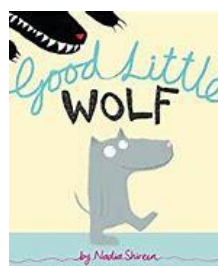
Booking Online:

[Let's Make Rhubarb Crumble! at Wakefield Museum event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Recommended Reads for the Half Term Break!

Here are some books you might like to read and enjoy over the half term break - maybe you could see if you could find them in your local library?

Good Little Wolf (Nadia Shireen) - a twist on the classic. This book always makes me laugh!



Esio Trot (Roald Dahl) - A classic author, but not a story that everyone knows!

If you have any recommendations, we would love to hear them!

Have a wonderful half term break!