# Thirsk Community Primary School

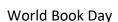
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# Reading Update



World book day this year will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. As a school we will not be dressing up as characters but instead aim to encourage the children to design a plain t-shirt (an old one from home) based on their favourite book. The idea is that throughout the day children have to guess what book the t-shirt is based on. Children can either draw the characters from their favourite book or for the older children write a quote/blurb on the back of the t-shirt with illustrations.

## **Book Club**

The travelling book club will be in school between 12th and 19th March. During the week the children will be taken to the books to have a look what is available. The hall will then be open after school between 3:30 and 4 on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March for parents and carers to purchase any books.

### 100 Books to Read in KS1 and KS2

We have been very fortunate as a school to secure grants to renovate our library. The children now have accounts to borrow books and visit the library regularly with their class teacher. In addition to the fantastic selection we have set a challenge to the children to read a recommended reading list whilst in each key stage. This half term each child will be given a booklet containing the list so as they read the book they can tick it off. All the books are available in our school library and I look forward to seeing who can complete the challenge.

#### **Everyone**, **Every Night**

Thank you to all our families who have supported their children in reading at home 5 times a week. The difference it has made to the children is invaluable. At the end of Autumn Term it was fantastic to see the amount of leather book marks I was able to give out to the children that had read every night during that term. Unfortunately, we are having more cases of children telling staff that their parents have signed their school reading record on the way to school and not listened to them read. Please can I ask that if you are unable to read with your child that you write the reason in their reading record for the class teacher and not sign to say they have read if they haven't.

I am always striving to make reading the heart of what we do at Thirsk so if anybody has any suggestions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards Miss Wilson Reading Lead.

