

Dear Parents/Carers,

At St Augustine's we value reading very highly and we are all going to take part in this special week to celebrate the joy of books and reading and have taken the decision to spend a week (week beginning 27th February) celebrating the gift of a book. The National World Book Day (WBD) is Thursday 2nd March, however due to the NEU planned Strike Action on that day we have planned to celebrate WBD on Friday 3rd March instead.

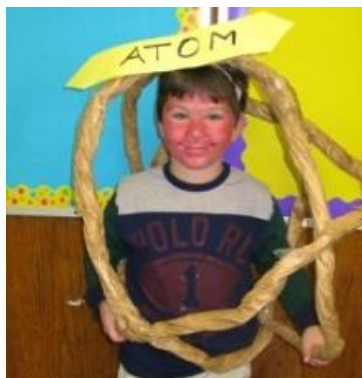
This year, we will be taking part in the Chesil Reading Project and focussing on two particular authors. For children in EYFS- Y3, they will be exploring books by Catherine Parr, with a focus on animals and looking after our planet. In Y4-6, the children will be focussing on books by the author Colin Stuart who explores the world of Science. On Monday 27th February, we will be attending webinars with the authors to ask questions and find about how they were inspired to write.

- Year R text - The boy and the pangolin
- Year 1 text - The Beautiful Blue Planet
- Year 2 text - The Sea Swallow and the Humpback Whale
- Year 3 text - The Story of Climate Changes
- Year 4 text - Fabulous Figures and Cool Calculations
- Year 5 text - The Language of the Universe
- Year 6 text - The Stardust that Made us

We are very excited to be welcoming a local author into school during the week, Liam Findley, author of 'Doom Town Dummies'. The children will be able to listen to some of his work and ask questions about how he came to publish his work.

On Friday 3rd March, we will be asking children to dress up to celebrate the books they have been learning about in class. Therefore classes have a theme:

- Reception-Y3 - dress up as an animal, these can be any animal or an animal book character.
- Y4-Y6 - we will be focussing on scientific vocabulary and dressing up as a scientific work - for example black hole and dress all in black - the children should have their word displayed somewhere on them. These words will be used as a Science display in school.



During the day, we will celebrate the children's reading successes and they will be taking part in a range of different activities to promote this, including:

- Making book bunting
- Creating their own book covers
- Role playing stories
- Creating their own inspirational quotes about reading for the library
- Creating digital book reviews, videos and class blogs
- Book swap event where children read to other children in school

We will have one special event in the hall at the end of the day but will be keeping this as a surprise for the children!

Competition Time!

Further to this, The Chesil Reading Project is running a competition to design a paper plate representing a book, book character or a scene from your favourite book. We will be competing with other local schools and the winning designs will be exhibited within a range of Weymouth establishments including the libraries. If your child would like to take part in the competition, please take time over half term to make their creation with them. Please could these be returned to school (class teachers) no later than Monday 27th February. Below you will see some ideas to get you started!



As always each child will receive a World Book Day £1 token to be redeemed at a retailer of your choice.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bladon
Deputy Head Teacher