

World Book Day 2021



On Thursday 4th March it is one of our favourite days of the year – World Book Day! It takes place every year and is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and reading. Although we won't be back in school together, we will be celebrating in school and hope that everyone at home will join in the celebrations virtually too! We have so much planned that we have spread our celebrations out over the week beginning 1st March as well as special events on Thursday 4th March.

Competition Time!

As we can't dress up in school, we would like the children to create their favourite book character by decorating a cardboard tube or a potato to be in with a chance of winning a marvellous new book.

Send a photo of your creation to your teacher on ClassDojo **by Friday 5th March** so they can be shared with your classmates. Prize winners will be announced on the newsletter on Friday 12th March.



Virtual Library – EYFS/KS1 and KS2



We now have a virtual library for the children to access from home. In the virtual library, you will find some of the children's favourite books being read aloud to enjoy listening to at home.

Click here for the **EYFS/KS1 Virtual Library**: <https://tinyurl.com/hstwj85c>

And here for the **KS2 Virtual Library**: <https://tinyurl.com/fpvd49m3>

We will continue to update and add to the library regularly so check back to see if any new books have been added. Click on the + sign on each book to listen to it. Add the webpage to your 'favourites' so you can keep visiting. 😊

St Matthias Masked Reader

Who's that behind the mask...? Just like on the popular TV show, The Masked Singer, some of the adults at school have recorded themselves reading to you as a Masked Reader – can you work out who's behind the mask? Watch the videos, look closely at the clues and let us know who you think is behind each mask.



Watch the videos here: <https://tinyurl.com/y6fk6tta>

Tell us who you think it is here: <https://tinyurl.com/5pzrmce8>



Family Quiz – Children's Books

How well do you and your family know children's books? Take our family book quiz and see how many questions you can get right! All families that participate will be entered into a prize draw to win a selection of children's books to enjoy at home. Click here to be in with a chance of winning: <https://tinurl.com/xze4isi3>

This Week's Events

When?	Who?	What and where?	More information
Monday 1st March	All children and families	The Masked Reader https://tinyurl.com/y6fk6tta	Who's that behind the mask? The St Matthias Masked Reader goes live today for you to guess who's behind the mask. Go to https://tinyurl.com/5pzrmce8 to submit your answers. Good luck!
Tuesday 2nd March	Years 3 to 6	Virtual Author Visit – Jenny McLachlan A Zoom link to the event will be sent via Teams and Dojo. Year 3 and 4 – 1pm Year 5 and 6 – 2pm The event is expected to last 45 mins to an hour.	Jenny McLachlan, author of The Land of Roar will be visiting classes virtually to talk about her work as an author and share some of her top tips for coming up with ideas for your own creative writing.
Wednesday 3rd March	All children	Wellbeing Wednesday Afternoon – Cosy Reading time!	Use your Wellbeing Wednesday afternoon to get cosy in your favourite reading spot and read a book or two, or even three!
WORLD BOOK DAY Thursday 4th March	All children	Whole school book focus – The Journey by Aaron Becker	All classes will be joining with a whole school book project with learning activities based on the same book. Children's activities will be uploaded on Tapestry or Teams for them to complete at home and return online to share with their class.
	All children	Bringing Reading to Life – 10.30-11.00am Click here to join the event live: https://www.worldbookday.com/event/words-pictures-bring-reading-to-life/	A live online event for the children to watch starring: Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers, Tom Fletcher and Lydia Monks and special guest Rob Biddulph. Hosted by Nigel Clarke, TV presenter.
	All children	Book Character Competition	Remember to create a book character using a cardboard tube or potato and send it in to your class teacher today. See details of the competition above.
	All children and their families	Family Book Quiz (online) Click here to enter: https://tinyurl.com/xze4jsj3	Have a go at our family book quiz based on popular children's books.

World Book Day £1 Books

With the closure of non-essential retailers, we are very pleased to confirm that we have been able to source the World Book Day £1 books that you would normally receive a voucher for. We will send the books home with the children when they return to school later this month.

