

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our goal to promote a love of reading, we will be participating in **World Book Day** on **Thursday 2nd March**. To celebrate this day, we are encouraging children to attend school dressed as their favourite character from any of their favourite books. Reading different books every evening would be a great way to get some inspiration. On World Book Day, the children will be participating in lots of exciting activities linked to the reading of some of their favourite texts and even some new stories. There will be quizzes and challenges, designing of book covers, lots of storytelling and everyone in school will have the opportunity to be an author too!

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. To help get them started on their reading journey, every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book Token that can either be exchanged for one of twelve special £1 World Book Day books or used to get £1 off any book costing £2.99 or more. You can find out more about these books at worldbookday.com/books.

This year we have arranged for the 'Scholastic Book Fair' to visit school. The fair will be held in the Library from 3.20pm on **Wednesday 8th March until Monday 13th March**. This is a great opportunity for children to explore new books and authors. You can redeem your World Book Day voucher against any of these titles too.

To get us into the reading spirit, I am setting the children their first challenge now; the 'Unusual Reading Challenge'. Their challenge is to take a photograph of themselves reading in an unusual place and bring a copy into school or email the photograph to info@maidens.dudley.sch.uk by Friday 11th March. Could you read on a walk? Or under the stairs? Or in a forest? Grab your book and take a picture! Please include your child's name and year group with the photo entry. All children that take on the challenge will be entered into our draw to win some prizes.

Time to get thinking and get reading!

Many thanks for your ongoing support and co-operation.

Miss Cleghorn

Sent via

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