

Literacy Update

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World Book Day—Thurs 5th March 2015

This year marks the 17th year of World Book Day and it will be held on Thursday 5th March 2015.

We look forward to seeing all of your wonderful World Book Day outfits.

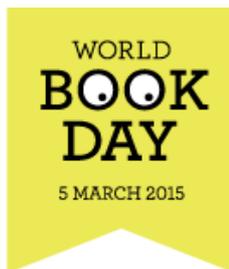
World Book Day gives us a chance to promote the importance of reading as well as helping the children to develop a love of books.

To celebrate the day there will be a range of fun reading activities taking place in classes as well as a whole school book swap where children can bring in a book that they no longer want and exchange it for another book.

We will have different sections so that children can choose a suitable book for their age range. We would ask that the books to be swapped are of a good condition and that each child only

brings one book to be swapped (if you would like to donate more than one book then any that are left from the swap can be used on class reading shelves).

“World Book Day is a celebration! It’s a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it’s a celebration of reading. In fact, it’s the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by [UNESCO](#) as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.”



Reading At Home

Reading with your child is one of the most important things that you as a parent can do in terms of their education. As well as reading the words on the page—decoding—the children need to acquire the comprehension skills which helps them to make sense of what it is they’re reading.

Try asking your child to:

- Predict future events in the text.
- Summarise sections, paragraphs and plots
- Ask questions about what they are reading
- Clarify what it is they have read



School Newspaper

I’d like to say a huge ‘well done’ to our school journalists on producing last term’s newspaper. The children worked really hard and produced some superb articles covering things ranging

from Christmas to our Tag Rugby success. If you’ve not yet had a look at the paper, you can by clicking on the following link. Feel free to share the link with friends and family and show

how wonderful our school is!

<http://standpri.primaryblogger.co.uk/files/2014/04/Newspaper-Autumn-2014.pdf>

Grammar Teasers...

1. Michael’s going to love his new bike. **Is the apostrophe for possession or omission?**
2. Mary went to the shops and she bought some new shoes. **Is this a simple, compound or complex sentence?**
3. Over the creaky, wooden bridge. **Is this a phrase or a clause?**

Answers:

1. apostrophe for omission—it *would be Michael is going to love his new bike. Children often get this wrong.*
2. It’s a compound sentence—*two main clauses (could act as a separate sentence) joined together by a conjunction.*
3. It’s a phrase—*a clause usually has a verb in it.*

Guided Reading:

Our wonderful PTA have recently spent a lot of money on reading books to be used during our guided reading sessions. Sasha—a pupil in Y6—said of one of the new books, *Hitler’s Canary*: “It is one of the best books I have read this year! Thank you to the PTA.”

Our PTA make a huge contribution towards raising funds for this school and, if you are interested in donating some of your time/help, no matter how small, why not send them an email at Standrewspta@gmail.com or follow them on Twitter @StAndSchoolPTA