



Dear Parents and Carers

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### **World Book Day**

As we prepare to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, we wanted to share with you what we have planned.

EYFS will begin their week with stories from Bag Books. Bag Books provide a multi-sensory experience which will be told in the class groups, through use of voice and emotion rather than words and pictures. Early Years and KS1 will also listen to stories by Julia Donaldson including: 'What the Ladybird Heard' - the story of a crime-fighting ladybird and her animal friends. Staff and children are invited to dress as a character from one of Julia Donaldson's books. Please speak to the class teams for ideas.

In KS2, the focus author will be Michael Rosen. Classes will be selecting a story or poem to explore. There will be themed activities throughout the day and children will have an opportunity to enter a competition to design a book mark.

KS3 are going to be celebrating a range of texts created by the German author and illustrator, Judith Kerr. Judith Kerr was Jewish and had to leave Germany when the Nazi's came into power. She settled in Britain in 1936. After working for the Red Cross, Judith Kerr started writing and illustrating stories when she had her own family. She wrote a range of books including the Mog series, The Tiger Who Came To Tea and When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit. We look forward to learning about her interesting life and wonderful stories.

The 14-19 Phase will be looking at one of the books from our new Big Cat Reading Scheme 'A Paralympian's Story', by Ade Adepitan. It tells the story of how he grew up in Nigeria before moving to the UK and becoming a medal winning Paralympian, commentator and TV presenter. Ade is now also a successful author of the semi-autobiographical 'Cyborg Cat' series of books, which we will share together, alongside researching Ade's inspirational achievements.

All children are invited to dress up as a character from a book if they would like to.

We know the value of reading aloud with children of all ages, so we shall be taking every opportunity to share fiction and non-fiction in this way. Please do join in at home and let us know which books you enjoy looking at together.

Yours faithfully

**Woodside Academy**