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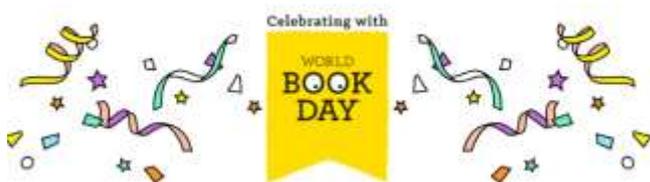
Share A Story on World Book Day

Welcome back and I hope you were able to take my advice and enjoy a bit of boredom over the half term break. I have to admit to failing miserably to take my own advice so I need to try a little harder. This week we celebrate World Book Day so why not share a story together? Sharing a story with your child is such a beneficial thing to do for so many reasons:

- Stories help children to feel safe and connected to you.
- Stories can help children develop a sense of self, self-esteem and confidence.
- Stories help children to understand everyday thoughts and emotions.
- Stories can help to soothe or comfort when life is a little overwhelming.
- Stories help children to understand the world around them and learn about things they have not yet experienced for themselves.
- Stories offer a window to new and exciting worlds which stimulate imagination and creativity and learn how to problem solve.
- Sharing stories aids brain development, focus and attention.

Why not spend some time relaxing and sharing a story this weekend? I always say technology is wonderful but nothing beats a book!

With best wishes,
Mrs Howell



Next Thursday, 5th March, we will be coming together to celebrate both World Book Day, the annual celebration of books and reading and International Week, when we celebrate the wonderful diversity of our school community. This year the main focus for World Book Day is the National Year of Reading 2026 campaign, with the motto "Go All In," encouraging us all to dive deeper into our existing interests through reading. It also promotes reading for pleasure with resources focused on fun, choice, and well-being. If children would like to dress up as their favourite book character or in their national costume on 5th March, they are most welcome to do so. However, we know some children find this overwhelming so they are invited to bring an item that represents a book they like, or is important in their culture. The main point of the day is to celebrate the joy that reading brings and the incredible diversity of our amazing Monkfield Park family.

An Appeal From After School Club

Are you about to carry out your annual Spring clean? If you have any pre-loved games or puzzles that your children are no longer using, Mrs Brown would be happy to take them off your hands for the children at After School Club. Our current collection of board games and puzzles are looking a little tired as they have been very well loved. Any donations of complete board games, puzzles, card games or educational games can be left at the school office marked for the attention of Mrs Brown. Thanking you in anticipation for your generosity.



Sentence starters

Ask your Reception child to tell you an interesting fact they have learnt about pirates.

Ask your Year 1 child to tell you the names of the four seasons of the year.

Ask your Year 2 child to count and group all your shoes into pairs.

Ask your Year 3 child to tell you what a unit fraction is and to give you an example.

Ask your Year 4 child to describe some different habitats and the animals you might find there.

Ask your Year 5 child to tell you about the Victorian artist William Morris.

Ask your Year 6 child to describe the character traits of their Endurance crew member.



Red Nose Day

Friday 20th March 2026

Dress down for £1

FOMP will be providing bucket collections on the day

Scan me! 

To donate to our JustGiving page (Min £2 Donation)



The brand new "DESIGN-YER"

Red Noses will be available to purchase at the school office from Monday 2nd March for £2

It's time get creative and design your own Red Nose!

FORTHCOMING DATES Spring Term 2026

2nd to 6th March—International week

5th March—World Book Day and International Week Celebration

6th March—Mid term reports to parents

6th March—Cygnus Class assembly

13th March—Violet Class assembly

16th March—Y2 WOW Day

17th March—Parent Consultation Evening

19th March—Year 5 and Year 6 Rugby tournament

19th to 24th March— Book Fair in Main Hall

20th March—Green Class assembly

20th March—Red Nose Day

25th March—FOMP Easter egg hunt

26th March—Parent Consultation evening

27th March—School breaks up for Easter holiday

30th March to 10th April— Easter Holiday

13th April—Children return to school for Summer term

13th to 17th April— STEM week

15th April— Year 3 School trip

21st—22nd April—Year 4 Residential to Burwell House

22nd April—Year 1 WOW Day

28th April—Year 2 Nature Reserve visit

1st May—Dorado Class assembly

4th May—May Day Holiday

6th May—KS1 Wellbeing Wednesday

11th to 14th May—Key Stage 2 SATS week

12th May—Reception Come and Share pm

15th May—FOMP Break the Rules Day

20th May—KS2 Wellbeing Wednesday

20th—22nd May—Year 6 PGL residential trip

22nd May—break up for half term

25th to 29th May—Half term holiday

1st June—INSET Day (school closed for children)



For general queries regarding the Care and Learning Centre, please contact the school office by e-mail on: clcoffice@monkfieldpark.cambs.sch.uk or by telephoning 01954 273377.

To speak with a member of the Care and Learning Centre staff please telephone 01954 273301

Chinese New Year

This week we have been busy learning about Chinese New Year. First of all, we watched a short film on CBeebies, 'Let's Celebrate', to find out some of the things Chinese families do to celebrate. We then looked at some Chinese artefacts including money packets, which children receive as gifts at the New Year, as well as some beautiful, red decorations and cards. The children had a go at writing some Chinese characters using black paint and also learnt to say 'Gong Hay Fat Choy' (happiness and prosperity) in Cantonese! To round off the week we tried eating noodles using chopsticks and also did our own dragon dance!

We hope that those of you who celebrated Chinese New Year last week had a wonderful time and would be really grateful of any photos that you could share with us via Evidence Me of your celebrations.

World Book Day

Next Thursday March 5th is World Book Day and the children are invited to dress up as a story character if they would like to, and/or to bring in one of their favourite books to share. Please ensure that any dressing up costumes are simple and practical for wearing at Pre-School, and also that all books are named.

Best wishes,

Jane Turner

Early Years Teacher & Pre-School Manager