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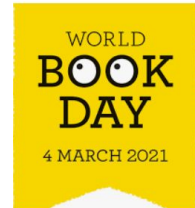
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Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021

World Book Day is a brilliant opportunity for everyone to celebrate the joy of reading. At South Borough we recognise the importance of reading and sharing stories with children and whilst lockdown means doing things differently, staff are planning some exciting activities for children to enjoy whether they are celebrating at home or at school.

This World Book Day, to celebrate the rich language contained in our favourite books, we are asking the children (and staff) to **dress up as a word** and take part in a **Virtual Vocabulary Parade** with their classmates. We would like the children to focus on higher-level vocabulary, choosing a word that is new to them, one that they would love to use in their future writing. For example why not choose to dress up as the word **incandescent** instead of bright, **fortitude** instead of brave, **mellifluous** instead of smooth or even **diminutive** instead of small. I am sure we will be astounded at how many new words the children will learn after our World Book Day celebrations.

Vocabulary Parades have become popular in schools. The picture books, **The Word Collector by Sonja Wimmer** and **Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster**, are stories that celebrate words and definitions. Characters take part in a Vocabulary Parade - a wonderful way to celebrate a love of words. This also provides a great way to dress up in creative, homemade costumes.

How to get ready

1. **Plan** - Think of a “juicy” word that would have an interesting costume design. If you google “Vocabulary Parade” there are hundreds of ideas on-line to help you. Try to think of an unusual word.
2. **Create** - Make a costume and vocabulary label, which will tell us the word you are representing. You can carry the word, put it in a hat or have it as part of your costume.
3. **Wear your word with pride on Thursday 4th March, World Book Day** - Class Teachers will incorporate a Virtual Vocabulary Parade into their daily Google Meet.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or encourage your child to speak with their class teacher through Google Classroom or their daily Google Meet.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes

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