



Woolmore Primary School NEWSLETTER

March 2019

World Book Day Edition

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DAY**

7 MARCH 2019

Next week, on Thursday 7th March, we will be celebrating **World Book Day**. As part of our celebrations we will: be holding a special assembly, partaking in a whole school **drop everything and read**, holding parent workshops, reading with a buddy and, excitingly, dressing up as our favourite characters. This is a chance for us to share our love and excitement for reading! We hope to use this to remind each other of the value of reading and sharing with parents the best ways they can help their children.

How can you help your child's reading at home?

Children with high levels of literacy and the children that achieve the best reading scores read at home and read for pleasure. Here at Woolmore we give your children the tools to be successful readers. But to be the best we need your help in ensuring they read frequently and learn to love reading.

To help your child you can:

- ✓ Make sure your child reads every Check new vocabulary with your child so they understand the meaning of important new words and phrases
- ✓ Ask questions about what your child is reading
- ✓ Make sure your child has a balanced reading diet: are they often reading similar books? Can you guide them to trying new styles and genres?
- ✓ Help your child choose new books at the Ideas store: try this for age-appropriate recommendations
<https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-ideas-youll-love/>

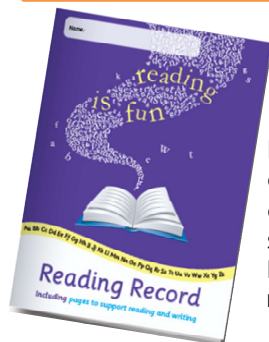
Reading workshops for parents

Tuesday 12th March @9.10am
KS1 Parents

Tuesday 19th March @9.10am
KS2 Parents

Tuesday 26th March @9.10am
Early Years Parents

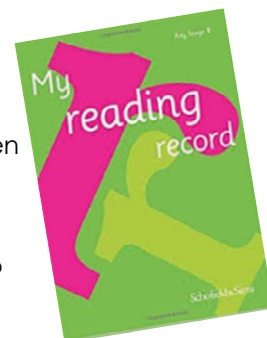
Come along to find out more about helping your child with reading, ask questions and visit our beautiful library.



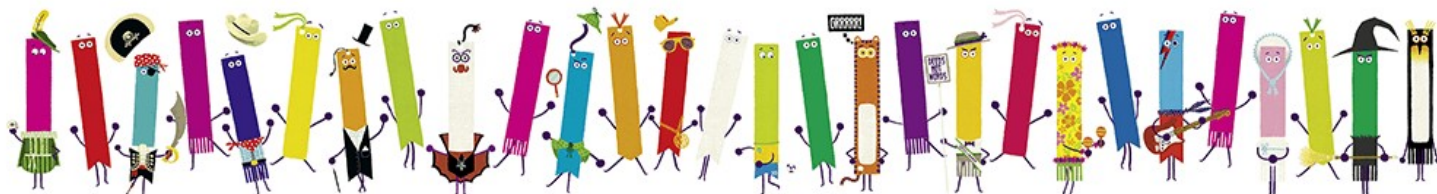
Reading Records at Woolmore

Every day we ask that the children record their reading. To do this the children either need to write a comment about their reading or a parent can write a comment and sign the reading record. This will be monitored so we can be sure the children are reading enough to succeed. **Please note:** children who haven't read at home are likely to be asked to give up some of their playtime to read in school.

The more we read, the better!



*In KS2 children are expected to read for at least 20 minutes every day.
In KS1 children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes a day.*





Accelerated Reader

What's it all about?

You may hear your children talk about accelerated reader ("AR"). This system gives KS2 children the tools to choose books at an appropriate challenge level and through testing enables teachers to frequently assess children's reading. We are able to gather information such as their reading age and how much progress they are making.

We use this information to help the children grow as readers and, where necessary, put steps in place to help your child improve their reading (such as 1:1 reading sessions or exciting reading groups).

World Book Day

Hall of Fame



Harry Potter is always a firm favourite!



Comic book heroes are always welcome



So many fairy-tales to choose from



Teachers get to dress up too!

Top Tips for Reading

1. Read every day!

2. **Join the library or Ideas store** – get a library card and have thousands of books at your fingertips
3. **All reading is good** – Don't rule out non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines or leaflets. Reading is reading and it's all worthwhile.
4. **Have a balanced reading diet** – We all have our favourites. Some books catch our interest more than others – and that's fine. But make sure you try lots of different styles and authors.
5. **Read favourites again and again** – It's okay to re-read the books and poems you love. Re-reading helps to build fluency and confidence.
6. **Make the most of rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems with rhymes and repeated words or phrases are great for getting to know great new vocabulary.

How can you find out more?

Head on over the World Book Day website for amazing book suggestions, learning resources and more.

www.worldbookday.com



And come along to our Scholastic Book Fair which will be selling lots of great books – for half-price!
25th-28th March at Woolmore

Check-out Twitter!

As always, to find out more about what is happening at Woolmore take a look at [twitter](#). Every week you will see photos and news about what is happening at Woolmore. We hope that as many parents and carers as possible will want to look at our twitter feed [@woolmoretweets](#) and talk about it with your family.

