



Woolmore Primary School NEWSLETTER

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World Book Day Edition

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Next week, on Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating **World Book Day**. As part of our celebrations we will be

- partaking in a whole school **drop everything and read**
- reading with a buddy
- teacher swap for story time
- dressing up as our favourite characters from books

This is a chance for us to share our love and excitement for reading! We hope to use this experience to remind each other of the value of reading.

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 day** (it's the WOOLMORE WAY!)
- ✓ 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 Idea Store: try this for age-appropriate recommendations <https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-ideas-youll-love/> or the topic reading lists we send home each term.

Reading Records at Woolmore

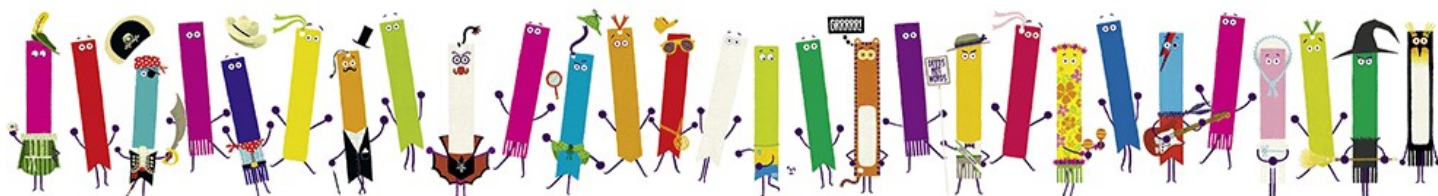
Every day we ask that the children record their reading. To do this the children either need to write a comment about their reading or a parent can write a comment and sign the reading record. This will be monitored so we can be sure the children are reading enough to succeed. **Please note:** children 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 EYFS and KS1 children are expected to read for at least 10 minutes a day.

Dressing Up Competition!

Every year we celebrate our favourite book characters by dressing up on World Book Day. This year, we are encouraging children to be inventive and create costumes using household items. Last year national research suggested that some parents spent more on World Book Day costumes than books throughout the year. Let's make a change and celebrate our love for reading with simple cheap homemade costumes or recycling ones that friends, family have used before. There will be prizes for the most imaginative costumes across different year groups – it is also another great way to help with our Eco Council's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle agenda. See overleaf for no-stress World Book Day costume ideas!





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).

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No-Stress World Book Day costumes!

1. Polar Express

Pyjamas and a dressing gown - sorted!



2. Room on the Broom

Witches hat and a purple dress - or full on witch costume left over from Halloween. Could double up as the Worst Witch too!



3. Charlie Bucket

Blue jumper + Grey school trousers + A bar of chocolate (or if you're feeling crafty you could make a golden ticket!)



4. Matilda

Blue dress with a red ribbon in hair and carrying a few books



5. Harry and his bucketful of dinosaurs

All you need is normal clothes and a plastic bucket full of dinosaur toys!



6. One of the dalmations from 101 Dalmations

Warning - this one involves a small element of artistic effort! White T shirt and a black marker to draw spots on it - if you want to push the boat out you could do a bit of face painting too!



7. Tintin

Blue jumper + trousers + hair gelled quiff. If you have a white toy dog all the better!



8. Angelina Ballerina

If you don't have a dancing outfit then beg, steal or borrow one. Use an eye pencil to draw on some whiskers



9. Oliver Twist

Brown clothes, a bit of dirt on the face and carrying a bowl!



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10. The Boy in the Dress

Put him in one of his sister's dresses!



www.artventurers.co.uk

Top Tips for Reading

1. Read every day!

2. **Join the library or Idea 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 new vocabulary.



In other news...

Parent governor vacancies

We have 2 vacancies on our governing body for parent governors. There will be a letter coming home next week with information about the role. It will also explain our expectations and how you can apply for this important position.

Attendance update

We are working **very hard** to improve attendance at Woolmore. Thank you to parents who have been meeting with SLT to discuss attendance issues. We look forward to seeing improvements. A big thank you to parents who bring their children to school every day. **Trees...plants...green walls...**

You will be noticing all the amazing work going on in our outdoor areas to help improve the quality of our air and make the playground a more exciting and nature-filled area. I cannot wait until we can sit and relax (and read!) in the garden.

Date reminders

Friday 3 April: last day of the spring term when we break up for the Easter holidays at 1.30pm

Monday 20 April: Inset day – no school for children

Tuesday 21 April: Summer term starts for children

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

Check-out Twitter!

As always, to find out more about what is happening at Woolmore take a look at [twitter](https://twitter.com/woolmoretweets). 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](https://twitter.com/woolmoretweets) and talk about it with your family.

