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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **World Book Day and beyond - promoting reading at Scargill**

World Book Day's definition of Reading for Pleasure is: ***Feeling a sense of satisfaction or pleasure by engaging with chosen reading material in their free time.***

At Scargill, we are passionate about reading and all of the benefits it brings to the table. Both children and adults who read for pleasure gain knowledge, vocabulary, a sense of relaxation and confidence. There's no wonder it is linked with positive mental health and well-being!

In conjunction with World Book Day, we would like to promote reading as much as possible to help encourage our children to become **'readers for pleasure'**. During World Book Day, we will be sharing exciting new books for the library, launching our **'Teacher Reads'** shelf in the library and announcing details of a new class journal to document our reading preferences. **We would also like to invite the children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring the book that their character is from.** The children will take part in many fabulous workshops on the day and hear about other exciting opportunities across the year.

One exciting activity will be our **Masked Reader** task, where children will watch videos of each other and try to guess who is reading. During half term, we would like as many of the children as possible to **film a short 1-minute clip of themselves reading a story behind a non-scary mask**, at the end of the extract they can reveal their identity. The masks can be simple, homemade ones or for the tech-savvy, a filter on the video. **Please send them to your department's email address by 28<sup>th</sup> February and the teachers will make sure they get to the right person.**

As always, we rely on your support to encourage your children to read at home. In addition to this letter, there is an accompanying poster detailing information about the benefits of reading and ideas for how you can be involved. Remember, there is no right or wrong, simply enjoying a book together is enough.

To encourage reading, Key Stage 1 has their Read the Rainbow scheme and after half term, KS2 will be rewarded for reading by gaining **2 dojo points for reading by themselves** at home and **4 dojo points for reading to an adult** (must be signed by the adult). Our expectation is that children fill in their reading journals at least **4 times per week**.

For other ideas about how you can promote reading at home visit these websites or look on our school reading web page. Keep your eye out for upcoming events.

<https://www.highspeedtraining.co.uk/hub/why-is-reading-important-for-children/>

<https://www.pearson.com/content/dam/one-dot-com/one-dot-com/uk/documents/campaigns/Bug-Club-10/Bug-Club-Birthday-Top-Tips.pdf>

Many thanks for your encouragement and support.

Mrs Birkin, Miss Clutterbuck and Miss Lang  
**(Reading co-ordinators)**