



An Ashmole Academy Trust School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March 2019 and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion throughout the week. The staff are very busy planning lots of activities for the week that will help to encourage your children to continue to have a love of books and reading.

During the week there will be many exciting activities and events around the school and within the classroom focusing on our theme of 'Investigating Dinosaurs.'

Book Author visit

We will have a school visit from the popular author Timothy Knapman. His books include the best-selling, *Dinosaurs in the Supermarket* and its sequels, *Mungo* and the *Picture Book Pirates* and its sequels, *Time Now To Dream*, *Soon*, *Sir Dancealot*, *Dinosaurs Don't Have Bedtimes* and *Superhero Dad*. They have been illustrated by a host of wonderful artists and have been translated into 20 languages. Many of his books have been read on *CBeebies Bedtime Stories* by Hugh Bonneville, Dennis Lawson, Adrian Lester, Harriet Walter, Tanni Grey-Thompson and many others. As well as writing children's books Tim has also written for *CBeebies' Driver Dan's Story Train* and spent time writing plays, musicals, songs and operas.

Timothy will be hoping to inspire writing across our school through his fun and engaging writing workshops which he will deliver to all year groups. There will also be an opportunity for the children to buy signed copies of his books on the day.

Life Long Ago Dinosaur workshop

We will be taking your children back millions of years to discover the wonder of the Dinosaurs. We will be bringing prehistoric life into our school by having a visit from an animatronic T-Rex. Each year group will then take part in workshops locating and identifying fossils from some of the most iconic Dinosaurs from the past.

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We would like to kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 to help fund these invaluable experiences. This contribution can be made through ParentPay.

Requests

Book Character Day

The week commencing 4th March we will be celebrating 'World Book day,' throughout the week. We have many exciting activities planned for each day to inspire a love of reading and writing. The week will close with a Book Character Day on Friday 8th March, where we ask all pupils to dress up as a book character of their choice. We therefore wanted to give you as much notice as possible to make or buy an outfit for the event.

Stories/ story telling from other cultures

We would like to kindly ask parents/ carers/ grandparents to come in to read a story to the children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 from their own culture on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. As many stories have been passed down through families, we are happy for this to be a story telling session and not necessarily a reading session as long as we have a brief explanation of the story that will be discussed. If this is something you would be interested in taking part in, please sign up using the sheet outside the office.

You will receive more information about this exciting week and all that has been planned in due course.

We thank you for your continued support.

Miss Costas and Mrs Charalambous

Literacy Co-ordinator and Humanities Co-ordinator