

Wednesday 6th February The Big Book Swap....

Have you got some books at home that you no longer read? Do you think other children may like to read them? Would you be willing to bring them in for a whole school book swap? This has been a great success each year, as children enjoyed recommending their book and seeing it go to someone who would enjoy it too.

Ask your child to choose a book they would be willing to swap with someone else. Bring it along on Wednesday 6th February for them to swap in class.

The book(s) should be of suitable quality and age appropriate. If you have more than one book you would like to donate to the swap, the children would be very grateful. This is a really exciting event and one that children really enjoy.

Performance Poetry Competition

Perform a Poem

To round off – the children will be asked to learn a poem ‘off-by-heart’ and perform it in front of their class. Each class winner will receive a prize and the chance to perform to the whole school and parents. Children will need to be ready to perform their chosen poem to their class by **Monday 18th February**. Class teachers will arrange a time during Monday and Tuesday to listen to all the entries.

Parents and carers, or grandparents will be invited to attend the assembly of the winning entries from each class.

Our poetry assembly for parents will be held on **Friday 22nd February at 2.30pm**. All prize draw entries will also be drawn during this assembly.

Look for ideas and inspiration at <http://performapoem.lgfl.org.uk>

A Month of Reading Madness

I Opened a Book

“I opened a book and in I strode.

Now nobody can find me.

I’ve left my chair, my house, my road,

My town and my world behind me.

I’m wearing the cloak, I’ve slipped on the ring,

I’ve fought with a dragon, dined with a king

And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I opened a book and made some friends.

I shared their tears and laughter

And followed their road with its bumps and bends

To the happily ever after.

I finished my book and out I came.

The cloak can no longer hide me.

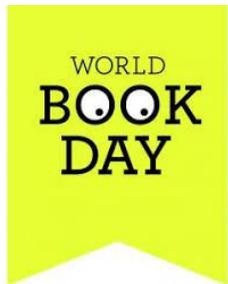
My chair and my house are just the same,

But I have a book inside me.”

Julia Donaldson

On Friday 1st February, Moorside Infant and Junior Schools will be launching our 6th Annual Reading Extravaganza.

.... turn the pages to find out more!



Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

To celebrate the day, we would like the children to dress up as a character from a book of their choice. At the end of the day, the children will receive their World Book Day token that enables them to swap it for a book at most book shops or use it to get a £1 off a book of your choice. *The Little Book Shop in Ripon stocks the £1 books.*

11th – 15th February USBORNE Sponsored Read Week

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of books and reading at home and school, we will be running a SPONSORED READ to raise money for new books for our schools. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. So, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by spending a small amount of time each day reading with your child. And it's not just books that you can enjoy together: comics, magazines, recipes, menus, your favourite websites - anything with words that you can read together counts towards your total!

A sponsorship form and reading log, to record the minutes they have spent reading, will be given to children in class.

I Spy You Reading

After the success of last year's 'I Spy You Reading' competition, we are holding the EXTREME READING COMPETITION again this year. The competition involves children taking pictures of themselves



reading in the most unique, interesting and unusual places! How far can you take your reading? Photographs can either be emailed to the school office or copies brought into school and handed to the class teacher. The most unique pictures will be shared during our pride assembly. **This year.....**we will be holding the competition between whole classes too. The class with the most unique reading place will be awarded a prize at the end of our Month of Reading Madness.

KS2 Crime Scene Investigation - The Mystery of the Golden Pen

On Tuesday 19th February, KS2 children will work in teams, analysing clues and interrupting evidence to solve '[The Mystery of the Golden Pen](#)' – a unique and engaging crime-scene activity.

KS1 Storytime Sharing

On Tuesday 19th February at 2.30pm, parents and carers are invited into school to share their favourite stories with their children. You can bring along a book or choose one from our library.