

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **World Book Day - 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 having learning in classrooms based upon authors which the children will be able to carousel around within their departments. 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.

We also invite all children to take part in a creative activity, where they make a book character out of a potato and bring it to school to display to their class/department. The class will then see if they can identify the character and name the book it is from and the author of the book. There is an example below but the options are endless.



As always, we rely on your support to encourage your children to read at home. Remember, there is no right or wrong, simply enjoying a book together is enough.

For other ideas about how you can promote reading at home visit these websites

<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>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Many thanks for your encouragement and support.

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