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Dear parents/carers.

As I am sure you are aware, World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March and as usual, we would like to join in with children all over the world to promote a love of reading.

This year however, some things are a little different. Like last year, we are participating in the Great Big Read and the school's page is now live for you to explore. https://greatbigread.com/about/merley-first-school/

Our learning for the day will be focused around reading, books and illustrators. We have compiled a selection of activities for the children to complete and enjoy whether they are at school or learning from home. Children are obviously welcome to embrace the day and we are happy for pupils in school to bring one small item in with them that links to a book or an author of their choice. This could be their favorite book, an item of clothing or a prop related to a story such as a cuddly toy or a wand. Pupils at home can also do the same and have their item with them during registration and story time.

Finally, throughout the day, members of the Merley staff will be reading their favourite stories. We will share with you, via google classroom stream, a list of books being read and a google meet link so that you can choose a time and story to enjoy. These are throughout the day and you can choose more than one story if you wish. Please be aware that google has a limit of numbers to each meet therefore if you can not join please try another story.

It is important that children log into a meet at the time given and not earlier. Staff will not be able to join the meet until the given time.

We hope that we can celebrate our love of books and reading during next week,

Kind regards,

Mrs Baldwin











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