

25th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dulwich Hamlet's World Book Day – Friday 8th March

Dulwich Hamlet will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8th March**, a day to celebrate all our favourite characters and tales. This year, our focus will be on **stories from around the world**, recognising that books can give us a special peek into other people's lives, environments and cultures. Stories can really open up new worlds for us.

Here are some of the ways we would like to invite your child to get involved and immerse themselves in our World Book Day celebrations...

Dress up as your favourite book character...

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character on Friday 8th March. Our Hamleteers may like to embrace our theme and choose a character from another country or culture or simply dress as an old favourite. Googling this should give you lots of creative ideas and costumes can be put together with items your child might well already have at home.

Story writing competition...

We are challenging your child to write their own short story based on the title 'The Journey'. The story can be about any kind of journey and take the reader wherever they want to go – a different country, a magical land, to the depths of the ocean or the local shop! The word limit is approximately 800 words and stories can be typed or hand written. Prizes for both upper and lower school will be given as well as a selection of stories being displayed in the library. The deadline for bringing the stories in to school is Thursday 7th March and they can be handed to your child's class teacher. We hope to share a few in our World Book Day celebration assembly on the Friday. We look forward to reading and sharing the stories.

Share a story from around the world...

We are always encouraging our Hamleteers to diversify in terms of the books they read so what better day to share a story from around the world. If your child has a book set in another country or culture at home that they would like to share with their class in a special World Book Day reading session, then please bring it in on Friday 8th March.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,

Miss Arkwright
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