

FLORA NEWS



**JOIN OUR READING
REVOLUTION**

£1,000
of books to be won
every week in World
Book Day month



LAUNCHING
27 FEBRUARY
- 29 MARCH

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REGISTER NOW

From 27 February - 29 March, we are supporting World Book Day's **Share A Million Stories** campaign, championing the importance of sharing stories and for the chance to **win £1,000 of books for our school**.

Why Share a Story?

Sharing a story for just 10 minutes a day can have a lasting impact on a child's future, and can help to create readers for life.

How can you take part?

In February, your child will receive their **Share A Million Stories Reading Record**, for children to tick-off how many stories they're sharing at home and at school (including their curriculum books, audiobooks, magazines, comics or graphic novels), which we can then add to our school total, which feeds into the live national total.

Why is this campaign so vital?

- **Sadly, reading for pleasure is in decline:** only 29% of 0-13s read for pleasure daily (down from 30% in 2017). *Children's Reading for Pleasure: Trends and Challenges, Egmont, 2019*
- **The number of parents sharing stories** with their children is also in steep decline: **only 56% of 3-4-year-olds are read to daily** or nearly every day (v. 69% in 2013).
- **Fewer than 19% of 8-10-year-olds are read to daily** or nearly every day (down from 25%). *Understanding the Children's Book Consumer Nielsen, 2018*

So, let's boost reading for pleasure back up! There are so many benefits to sharing stories together:

- It boosts creativity and imagination
- It's a calming, bonding experience that improves well-being
- It builds empathy and closeness
- It's great fun for everyone involved!

World Book Day needs ALL of our support and we look forward to helping them reach their goal of one million stories shared nationwide – and the opportunity to win an amazing new supply of books for our school worth £1,000! Find out more at worldbookday.com/share-a-million-stories.

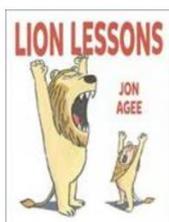
On Thursday 5th March (next Thursday), we are asking pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or their favourite word, and there will be a prize for the best costume. It doesn't need to be expensive, it just needs to be creative!

Thank you for taking part.

Miss Woodcock

Miss Woodcock's Recommended Reads

For ages 4-5 and up



Lion Lessons

Author: Jon Agee

It's not easy getting your lion diploma. The little boy who ventures into the Lion Lessons shop on the high street certainly finds it difficult to make his instructor happy – that is, until a neighbourhood cat is in danger...

For ages 6-8 and up



Ghoul Scouts: Welcome to Camp Croak

Author: Taylor Dolan

When Lexie finds herself at Camp Croak for the summer, she's happily at home with the other ghoulish kids - but when Euphemia Vile, a big-haired Texan glamazon, steps onto the scene, it's clear that she's got an evil agenda.

For ages 9-11 and up



Evernight

Author: Ross MacKenzie **Illustrator:** Julia Iredale

When Lara discovers a mysterious wooden box in King's Landing, she's thrown into an adventure she could never have predicted. A magical tale full of peril and excitement.

Year 3 Class Poem

Lige exists in harmony.
 The beautiful sort of nature.
 The vibrant tropical rainforest is alive.
 As the silent river hushes, the canopy waves side to side.
 The water is cold.
 The beautiful water streams down the waterfall.
 The rich smell of the trees spread across the forest like the wind.
 The rainforest shines like an emerald.
 The birds flew through the bushy trees.
 The fierce and carnivorous Jaguars rage at the top of the foodchain.
 The blue morpho butterfly so elegant in the air.
 The harmony of a single bluebird.
 A blanket of moss covers the trees.
 The heart of the rainforest is a wonderful place.
 Lige exists in harmony.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!

Nina, our volunteer at After School Service, is looking to start up Gardening Club on a Monday after the Easter holidays and is looking for people to help. We are purchasing a variety of seeds for the children to sow and tend across the school site, as well as the flowers that represent the 6 school values. If you can assist, whether it be every week or just some sessions, please let Miss Elven know via the office.

On Friday 6th March there will be a Friends and Family of Flora Association (formally the PTA) meeting taking place at 9.00am in the old office (meeting room next to the Year 1 classroom). All parents/family/friends of the school are invited to attend.

Value Award Winners

Nursery – Maleeyah
Reception – Manahil
Year 1 – Emily
Year 2 – Jaida
Year 3 – Fahad
Year 4 – Aisha
Year 5 – Kamarni
Year 6 – Waddah