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Dear parent/carer,

World Book Day is nearly upon us once more. This year we will be celebrating on Wednesday the 8th March. The children may come into school dressed as their favourite BOOK (not film) character and there will be a winner for each cohort.

This year, we have booked an author to come and work with the children in their classrooms. His name is Antony Lishak and he is a children's author who has visited numerous schools around Britain performing his work and talking about the craft of writing to children across the Primary age range. As a teacher with almost 20 years' experience he is able to draw parallels between his own work and the writing that children do in class. By demystifying the whole process he fires children's enthusiasm to try for themselves!

He will work with early years & KS1 in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon.

In the morning, he will lead two KS1 45 min prop-led interactive story telling presentations, after which he will set a follow up task the kids can do in class afterwards. He will also carry out story time in Nursery and Reception.

In the afternoon, he will lead a whole-KS2 highly visual and entertaining talk about how authors use their own everyday personal experiences as springboards for stories. This lasts about an hour and he draws widely on his own work for that age group to illustrate that point. The aim of this performance is to get children to see themselves as authors and empower them to realise that they have hundreds of potential story ideas lurking in their heads just waiting to be written about. At the end he will set a task that will encourage the children to use their own experiences as story starting points and support that work in class for the rest of the afternoon, helping the children to write in a more focused age-appropriate way.

There will be an opportunity for children to purchase his books in the hall at the end of the day and get them signed. Details are on the reverse of this letter.

As always, World Book Day promises to be a fun day that the children will enjoy, remember and hopefully be inspired by. I also attach a world book day token that can be used in participating book shops. Happy reading!

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