Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: World Book Day Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is approaching and we will be celebrating all things book related on Thursday 7th March. Reading is something we really value here at West Acton Primary School and we understand the importance of children getting enjoyment from books. This year we are focusing on the Power of Illustration.

On Thursday 7th March we would like children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The internet (e.g. https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up/ PINTEREST, etc.) is full of ideas for characters that will involve no expense and can be put together from items you already have at home. If your child has the book that they are a character from, please send that in with your child on the dress up day.

During the first part of the morning, each class will visit another class where they will read together and talk about their favourite books and characters. When children return to their own classes, each year group have been given a different picture book to explore for the rest of the day, with a particular focus on the illustrations. Illustrations in picture books can be an excellent tool for developing children’s analytical and interpretative skills, as well as enhancing their enjoyment of art.

At 2.45pm we are inviting parents and carers in so that the children can tell you about what they have been up to over the day and read with you. If you would like to bring in your favourite book from when you were a child to share with the children that would be great.

We are also very lucky to have a The Book People Book Fair arriving on Monday 18th of March to Friday 22nd of March. The Book People believe that the key to inspiring children to enjoy reading is putting the right book in front of them. From first word books to complete chapter books for confident readers, the Book People experts have carefully curated a range of children’s books to help children on their reading journey - whatever the stage they are along it. The Book Fair will be open before and after school during the week.

Mrs Langston will be running parent/carer reading workshops on Wednesday 6th March. We are all looking forward to a ‘Booktastic’ few days.

Yours faithfully
Miss Kelly