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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021

This year, the majority of children will be celebrating World Book Day remotely in lockdown, so we have adapted our plans and celebrations accordingly.

To get everyone inspired to read and write, we have arranged a virtual visit from the author Cliff McNish, who has written the international bestselling 'Doomspell' series, the warm-hearted dog story 'Going Home' and the fairy tale 'The Winter Wolf', amongst other titles.

The talks will be held at the start of our Book Week, on Monday 1st March, via Zoom, at the following times:

Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2:	9.45am – 10.45am
Yr 3/4/5/6:	11.00am – 12.00pm

Your child's class teacher will advise you of the Zoom meeting details nearer the time, and will also confirm arrangements for each class if the author visit clashes with the regular class Zoom session.

We will also be holding a virtual version of our traditional Margaret Roper 'Literary Mastermind', pitting our Year 6 bookworms against Mr Mooney's challenging questions, which all are invited to attend. This will be held on the afternoon of Friday 5th March, via Zoom. Details of the Zoom meeting will be published in the school newsletter.

As we cannot physically all be together as a school community, we thought it would be nice to virtually share a book as a whole school, and celebrate our enjoyment of reading as a whole school community. The teachers have planned lots of fun activities for all classes throughout the week, based on the book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner, which will be delivered through Google Classroom and the daily Zoom sessions in the usual way.

Last year, we loved seeing the wonderfully imaginative creations the children made for their World Book Day potatoes, and we are asking them to undertake the same again this year.

We recognise that home learning takes up lots of time and energy as it is, so creating a World Book Day potato is entirely optional. However, if your child would like to take part, the potatoes should be decorated as their favourite book character.

Please email a photo of the finished product to Miss Jackson at indigo@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk, by Monday 8th March.

There will be two winning entries per class – prizes will be given out and winners announced during the assembly on Friday 12th March, when we are back in school.

Here are some ideas to inspire you:



The Three Little Pigs



Paddington



Tin Man



Owl Babies

We have also had some requests from children about dressing up on World Book Day! Again, this is entirely optional, but if children would like to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 4th March, and attend assembly and class Zoom sessions in character, then we would love to see them in their outfits.

To continue to develop children's love of reading, the World Book Day charity have released lots of new, free audiobooks, available to listen to on <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

The World Book Day £1 voucher, will allows children to purchase one of the specially commissioned £1 books is, like many things this year, virtual, and is attached to this letter as a pdf document. It can be shown digitally to the bookseller, or printed and used. Many major supermarkets carry the £1 World Book Day books, so these could be picked up during essential shopping.

Although this year's celebrations are different, we are sure the children will enjoy the range of activities offered. There are also lots of wonderful resources to share at home on www.worldbookday.com – please do continue the reading fun at home!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jackson
English Leader