

Re: World Book Day and Reading Week

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Dear Parents/Carers,

By now, you will be aware that some significant changes to our timetable are taking place at North Walkden after the half term; we are very excited about it and can't wait to see the impact on our children's progress.

One of the main areas that we are focussing on within the change is reading. Reading is a huge priority at North Walkden, as we want all our children to proficient and fluent in reading and to enjoy their reading journey. Therefore, as part of the new timetable structure, there will be a discrete reading lesson being taught every day at 11:45am. This is to ensure all children are being heard read (specific children will still be heard daily); that children are being exposed to a wide variety of texts and can competently discuss author's ideas and explore new, exciting vocabulary.

The structure of the lesson will work on a carousel system, where children will be involved in a structured learning activity each day, linked to a specific text. Please see attached an example of the timetable; as you can see each group will go through a process of a pre-read, a guided read, a post read, vocabulary work and a wider reading session. This structure will ensure maximum learning for all children.

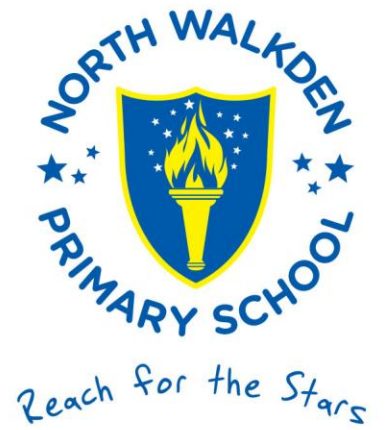
To help us celebrate our love of reading, we want to invite you in to be part of our reading sessions in the second week back (week commencing 6th March). This is an exciting opportunity to see your child reading in class and to see how important reading is to our children. If you are interested in doing this, please complete the slip below, detailing which day you prefer to drop-in.

As well as showcasing our new timetable, the first week back is also World Book Week: an exciting time of year for us at North Walkden. World Book Day falls on **Thursday 2nd March** this year and we are theming our day on 'Bedtime Stories', therefore please can your child come to school in pyjamas, with a teddy and a copy of their favourite bedtime story – no need for dressing up as a character this year! We believe that bedtime reading is the cornerstone of confident and engaged readers and is also a special time for children and grown-ups to share stories, ideas and let imaginations develop.

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In order to make it a successful day, activities have been planned for each year group throughout the day, therefore your child's teacher will send out further information this week, detailing the events of the day.

As usual, thank you for all your support with everything we do here at North Walkden. I know the children get so much out of our special days and you always go above and beyond with your support.

If you are interest in attending your child's reading session in the second week back, please delete slip as appropriate and return to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Miss Prince

English Subject Leader

Child's name _____ Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6

I would like to attend my child's reading session at 11:45am on:

Monday 6th March _____

Wednesday 8th March _____

Thursday 9th March _____

Friday 10th March _____

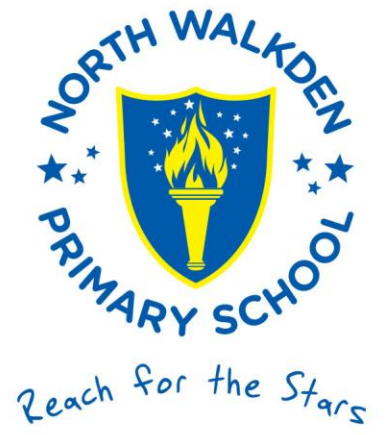
Please tick which day/s you would like to come.

Signed _____

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