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Dear Parent/ Carer

Welcome to Term 4. Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday evening, it is great to know that we will be welcoming the children back to school on 8th March. I have already begun to write the plans for re-opening and the risk assessment, in line with government guidance and I will share these with you as soon as they have been shared and ratified by the Local Board and the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust. Our priority will be ensuring that the children feel safe and happy regarding their return to school and focusing on learning together again.

Our Value of the Term.

We will be exploring the value of Justice. Justice will always be seen in the context of love. It includes the call to take responsibility for one another, especially the poor and oppressed, and to see that no-one is excluded from the essentials of life.

World Book Day

Before we return, World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 4th March. This year there are some special free digital events. You can watch them live, each day, at 10.30am, through the links below or at a time convenient to you, on the World Book day YouTube channel. The exciting line-up includes:

Wednesday 3rd March, 10.30am - Books that Make you LOL!

Starring: Humza Arshad, Alex Bellos & Ben Lyttleton (Football School), Jonny Duddle and Zanib Mian
Hosted by Kenny Baraka, motivational speaker

<https://www.worldbookday.com/event/books-that-make-you-lol/>

Thursday 4th March, 10.30am - World Book Day special - Bringing Reading to Life

Starring: Joseph Coelho & Fiona Lumbers, Tom Fletcher and Lydia Monks and special guest Rob Biddulph

Hosted by Nigel Clarke, TV presenter

<https://www.worldbookday.com/event/words-pictures-bring-reading-to-life/>

Friday 5th March, 10.30am - Books and the Real World

Starring: Sita Brahmachari, Jess French and Katherine Rundell

Hosted by Jessie Cave, actor and podcaster

<https://www.worldbookday.com/event/books-and-the-real-world/>

I am also attaching the World Book Day Token, in a PDF format.

Living and Learning Together With God's Help

Scholastic

There are also free events provided by Scholastic, for World Book Day. You can view and register for each event with the password **clubsandfairs**, following the link below.

https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/scholastic-live-world-book-day?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=World%20Book%20Day%20Events%20Programme%20-%20UK%20Teachers&utm_content=World%20Book%20Day%20Events%20Programme%20-%20UK%20Teachers+CID_1f17fbbdb662a8ec462d523ef255ea0f&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Scholastic%20Live%20World%20Book%20Day%20Event%20Week

Story time with St Leonard's staff

At 2.30pm, on 4th March, you can choose to listen to a recording/ join a Zoom, where a member of staff will share with you one, or part, of their favourite stories. We will send out a list of Zoom links nearer the time, for you to choose from. We hope to also record these, so that they are available at a later time.

Book Character Quiz

A book character quiz will be sent out on World Book Day. Can you guess all of the book characters that our staff, are dressed up as? Please also send in your photos, so we can put together a display in school, of you all dressed as book characters, for when we return.

Launch of 200 Million Minutes

On Thursday 4th March, David Gandy and Achievement For All will launch the annual reading challenge across the globe to attempt to read for 200 million minutes.

We would really like St Leonard's to help in this. The challenge will run from World Book Day (Thursday 4th March 2021) until Children's Book Day (Wednesday 31st March)

The 200 Million Minutes Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading and make sure all children and young people are engaging with literacy and lead brighter futures.

You can log the amount of minutes you read each day in a notebook and then they can be submitted to your class teacher and school can then enter on the Achievement For All website.

The leader board is decided by the average number of minutes read per child/young person. The average will be obtained by dividing the total number of reading minutes entered by each setting on the 200 Million Minutes website by the total number of participating children and young people. The winners of the competition will be the schools, groups, settings, organisations or individuals with the highest average number of reading minutes per child.

The event is free to join but your child can collect sponsors for the reading challenge, using the form attached, for donations towards the charity.

Yours Sincerely
Mrs Warburton