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Dear Parents/Carers,

From **31st October to 4th November**, we will be celebrating ***Children's Book Week*** with BookTrust. The week promotes reading for pleasure and encouraging families to find time to read with their children.

Research has shown that children who enjoy reading and spend more time reading for pleasure have better reading and writing skills, a broader vocabulary, and an increased general knowledge and understanding of other cultures. Children who enjoy reading for pleasure also do better in other subjects such as maths.

We understand that some children find reading difficult and those children have a greater risk of switching off from reading and having low self-esteem as a result. It is vital that the adults around children model being a reader and facilitating time to read on a daily basis.

During Children's Book Week, Norwood will be promoting a love of reading through:

- Children's Book swap
- Reading buddies (children and adults)
- Reading competition
- Listening to stories in different classrooms from a variety of adults
- Sharing favourite books and books from the Top 100 Children's books from the past 100 years (voted by the public)

To support and help to prepare for the week we would like to ask parents/carers, children and their wider families to:

- **Bring in any books that you are happy to give away for the children's book swap** (Please bring these to school by **Friday 21st October**).
- **Offer to be a reading buddy.** The purpose of a reading buddy is to read with a child who needs support to learn to read. We use the 'paired reading' approach and will provide training for any children and adults who are able to offer their time. We will identify pupils across school that would benefit from some additional reading practise and support. The reading buddy will read with the same child for two fifteen minute slots a week for a half term. We would love to have as many reading buddies as possible including children from Norwood and their wider families. (Please return the Declaration of Interest to school by **Friday 21st October**).
- **Bring in or email the office a photograph of your child enjoying reading**- this could be reading a favourite book, reading in a favourite place or sharing a book with someone else (younger sibling, family member, their teddies/a dolly). Please send these in throughout the week and by **Friday 4th November**. These will form part of a display in school for a World Book Day competition and will be returned in the Spring term.
- **Creating opportunities for your child to read every day or listen to a story and discuss what has happened, predict what might happen next or retell the events.**

Details about the reading competition will follow and posters will be displayed across school as reminders. We hope you will get into the spirit of Children's Book Week and make it an enjoyable and successful week of reading!

Yours faithfully

Mrs J. Cockerill

Mrs D. Reynolds



Reading buddy- Declaration of interest

I would like to be a reading buddy to help other children to learn to read.

I am a *child/ adult and my name is _____

If you are an adult, please indicate which Norwood child you are related to: _____

Please indicate two days and whether a morning or afternoon slot would be preferable. If you need to be more precise with the times that you are available (e.g. 10:30-11:00/2:45-3:15) please provide further details on the lines below.

Please indicate the terms, days and times that you can offer two 15 minute slots per week.

Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm	am/pm

(Children that offer their time will be allocated two fifteen minute time slots within their school day. They will not be expected to give up their break or lunchtime).

Signed _____

Date _____

