

**Portsmouth Primary and
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Dear parents

World Book Day 2022 – Dressing up day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday the 3rd of March. On this day we will be hosting our traditional fancy dress competition and we invite your child to dress up as their favourite book character.


There will be two £5 book token prizes for the best costumes in each year group!

This year in Portsmouth we'll be celebrating poetry and poems. Classes will be looking at and choosing some poems to recite on the day. These will be filmed and uploaded to the school YouTube channel. Some staff at Portsmouth have chosen to read their favourite poems and these will be appearing on our YouTube page over half term and the week after. If you would like to read some poems with your child, the local libraries have some fantastic poetry books. If your child is in years 3-6 there's a great website called poetrybyheart.org.uk where you can look up poems suitable for these ages.

We're going to try something a bit different with the £1 book vouchers this year. We have partnered up with Waterstones in Commercial Road to run a free bookshop in school. Instead of receiving the £1 voucher there will be a World Book Day shop in the library where children can pick a free book of their choice. If you would like to have a preview of this year's books please visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

We're really excited to celebrate poems and reading across the school. If you have any questions, please contact me at s.smith@portsdown.portsmouth.sch.uk

Yours sincerely


Mr Smith
Reading Champion

