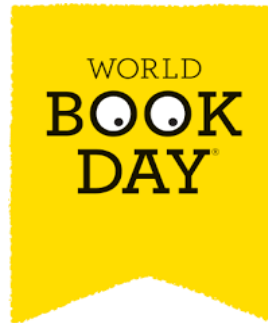


Early Language Newsletter #5

March 2024

World Book Day

It is **World Book Day** on Thursday 7 March 2024. We know that reading for pleasure in the early years has **4 x** more powerful impact on a child's progress across the curriculum at age 16 than other factors like background (*Book Trust 2023*).



Take books home to read



How will you celebrate World Book Day?

You can borrow books for free with no late fees or fines on children's books from your local library, or you could go along to story-time sessions at your local library: [Southampton City Libraries](#)

Top Tips

- Look at a book at any time, it does not have to be bedtime.
- Find a quiet place.
- Let your child choose the books.
- Talk about the pictures and read some or all of the words.
- Give your child time to respond – that could be with facial expression, sounds, pointing or words
- Respond to or repeat the responses from your child.
- Your child will enjoy looking at their favourite books again and again.
- You don't need to read for too long, stop when they've had enough.

Easter

It's not long until Easter. Here are a couple of easter themed activities you could try at home:

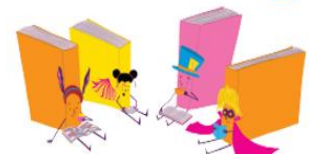
Feeding the hungry bunny different shaped carrots or you could do different coloured carrots, or even different foods! Make a bunny from an empty box or plastic bottle.



Or **pin the tail on the bunny**. You can draw a bunny shape on some paper and use some cotton wool or scrunched up tissue or paper for the tail. You could talk about body parts, and position words like up / down, front / back / on / under.



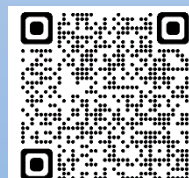
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