



Book Week

What a colourful day we had on Thursday, with staff and children dressed as well-known book characters. Excitement levels were high but it was lovely to see children really taking an interest in each other's character and talking about books. Thank you parents for your help with the costumes. This week children and adults have also enjoyed 'drop everything and read' time, when a quiet, focused air descends on each class. This morning, KS2 children practised reading aloud as they shared books with KS1 children, this is a great way to also foster the good relationships across year groups.

Visiting author Spoz, previous Poet Laureate and one of the 'Bards of Brum' in the 2022 Commonwealth Games, came and led workshops with all of our children, showing them how accessible poetry is to us all. We hosted a 'poetry cafe' where parents could listen to some poetry whilst enjoying refreshments.

On Wednesday, we welcomed Shirley Cook to Teme class. Shirley is a published children's book author; she motivated the children to write and illustrate their own storyboards for a new children's book, using their incredible imaginations. The children were inspired and in awe of the journey of how she became a published author, and this has encouraged them to produce their own fantastic stories. The BBC have relaunched their 500-word writing competition and your child may be interested in entering <https://www.bbc.com/mediacentre/2023/500-words-relaunch>.

We also welcomed around 30 parents to a workshop led by Mrs Cooper about reading. It has been a busy week, but on a theme that is close to our hearts - reading!

As Poet Joseph Addison says : *'Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body'*



Dates for your diary



Date	Time	Event
Mon 13th—17th Mar	All week	Y6 PGL Residential week
Mon 27th Mar	10:30 - 11:20	Hereford Cathedral Trip Y5 & Y3
Wed 29th Mar	15:00—16:00	Music and Choir Concert
Thur 30th Mar	14:00	KS2 Easter Service
Thur 30th Mar	15:00—16:30	PTFA Easter Fayre
Fri 31st Mar		Last day of term 2

Young Leaders Conference

Our Young Leaders attended a conference at Hereford Cathedral School on Friday 17th. They learnt about how to run activities and what they can do to improve their own sessions at school.



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If you haven't done already, please ensure to complete a parental consent form [here](#).



Family Values

This half term our family value is **GENEROSITY**.

Click [here](#) to see the activities for you to explore together.

Children can bring their artwork for a Values display in the hall.



Prayer Corner

Dear God,

We thank you for the power of a good book to transport us to new places and to give us new experiences.

We thank you for the creativity of authors and illustrators in creating books for us to enjoy. We are thankful for our own ability to read and to imagine.

We thank you for the people who have helped us to enjoy reading and for our education.

Amen.