



28th February 2025

### A Message from Miss Olver

It has been a very busy week in school for everyone with our OFSTED inspection taking place (more information below). But alongside this, things have carried on as normal. The children have been starting their new topics:

Discoverers have been beginning to think about where they live.

Adventurers have started learning about how hospitals have changed over time in preparation for their work on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

Explorers have been learning about where the sinking of the Titanic fits into the chronology of British History.

Voyagers have just finished their Mayan topic and will start their new one next week.

### Dates for your Diary:

Fri 7th March—World Book Day

Fri 7th March—FEMS Book Sale Event

Fri 14th March—Explorers Sea City Museum Trip

Tues 18th March—Parents Evening

Thurs 20th March—Parents Evening

### OFSTED Inspection

Our OFSTED inspection took place on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th February. Unfortunately we are not allowed to share with you the outcome of the inspection until the final published report is released. We are hopeful that this will be around the Easter Holidays and we look forward to sharing this with you then.

In the meantime, a huge thank you to all the parents who wished us luck and completed the Parent View survey. It was lovely to see the incredibly high percentages of positive feedback from parents—in particular, 97% said they would recommend our school to others and 100% said that they felt their child is happy and feels safe at our school.

The children made us incredibly proud during the inspection and the inspectors commented on how welcoming, respectful and keen they were to talk to them about their learning and the school more generally.

Finally, I need to say a massive thank you to my fantastic team who have really supported me through the process and continuously go above and beyond to make East Meon the very special school that we all love.



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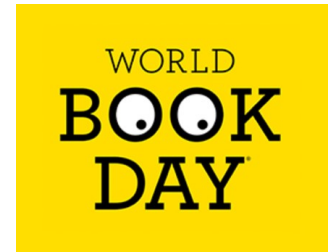


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## World Book Day—Change of Date!

World Book Day officially takes place on Thursday 6th March, and we had planned to hold it then... however, then we spotted a clash with Explorers' swimming lessons. We feel that a dress up day on the same day as having to get changed for swimming is perhaps not the most sensible idea!



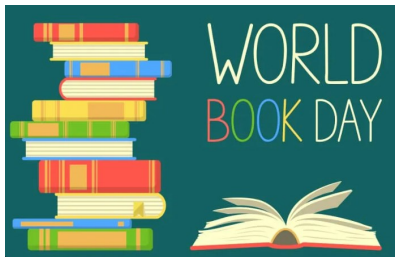
With that in mind, we have decided to move our World Book Day celebrations to **Friday 7th March**. This will also be a lovely way to end the week at school. We have planned some exciting book-themed lessons and activities in school.

Children are welcome to come dressed as a book character (I know last year there were some fantastic costumes and the children really enjoyed this). However, we also know that some children do not enjoy dressing up and therefore, if they do not want to dress up, they can just come in their own clothes for the day.

School Council have been thinking hard about charities they would like to support. They have come to the decision that instead of using World Book Day to raise money for a charity, they would like everyone to **bring a donation of some animal food** (for example, a tin of dog/cat food, a packet of treats, etc) which they can then give to the RSPCA. It has been lovely to see the children so passionate about a cause and coming up



with their own creative ideas of how we can support this. They would also like to do a book swap—so please **send in an old book** which they can swap with someone else during the day.



FEMS are hoping to hold a book sale event on the same day. More information about this will be sent next week when details have been confirmed.

## Swimming

On Thursday 27th February, Explorers went to the Taro Leisure Centre for their first swimming lesson. They will be having a 10 week block of lessons running through until May. The children got to know the instructors, learnt about keeping safe at the pool and started developing their swimming skills. Everyone had a great time and they are looking forward to their next lesson next Thursday.



## Resources

### Magazines for Collage

Explorers Class are completing an art unit based around collaging this half term. If you have any old magazines at home, please could you send them into school for the children to use. They will be cutting out pictures as part of their art work. Please just make sure that all magazine content is appropriate for children. Magazines can be dropped straight to Ms Stephens in Explorers Class or into the School Office.



### Wood Planks/Decking for Flower Beds

Mrs Perkins has asked for any donations of wooden planks/decking pieces as she wants to build a small flower bed in the Discoverers outside area.