

5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

English is a key part of our curriculum at Bovingdon Primary Academy and we are always thinking of exciting ways to engage the children with speaking, reading and writing. Within this letter, we hope to give you plenty of notice about future events that will be happening in school.



### World Book Day

On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be joining the world in celebrating '**World Book Day**'. We are inviting children (and staff) to dress up as one of their favourite book characters. We want to encourage you to be as sustainable as possible. You could use a costume you already have, dig through your cupboards and get creative or swap last year's costume with a friend. Please donate any unwanted costumes to the school office. From 26<sup>th</sup> February these costumes will then be freely available by the 'link doors' ready for any children to take home and enjoy in time for World Book Day.

The possibilities are endless! If you want any additional ideas, search the internet for 'Sustainable World Book Day Costumes'.

Throughout the week, the children will also take part in lots of reading-based activities and workshops including buddying up with another child in the school to read a story. There will also be a book fair visiting the school 8<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March– more details of this will follow soon.

We hope it will be a week to continue celebrating our love for reading.



### Public Speaking Competition

We are excited to announce that this term we will be running our annual Public Speaking Competition for KS1 & KS2. 'Spoken Language' is a key area within the English curriculum and an important life skill. The aim of this competition is to help children develop their speaking and listening skills, and gain confidence speaking aloud in front of their peers.

This year's theme is: **Unique**. Your child will have two weeks (including half term) to prepare and practise their speech relating to this theme.

Speeches need to be ready by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**. Class teachers will let children know which days they will be performing on that week. All children will be recognised for their hard work with house points and a feedback sticker which will be bought home in their homework diaries.

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We understand that some children may be anxious about speaking in front of their classmates. If this is the case, please make contact with your child's teacher who will suggest ways in which we can work together to support them, or make alternative arrangements in the way they present their speech.  
Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Hall

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