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Dear Parents/Carers,

### Haymoor's Brilliant Book Week: 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Every year we run a Book Week in school. It is a really special week where the children are given extra opportunities to pick up a book and read. We want all of our children to be excellent readers and to have a life-long love of reading and books. We have planned a range of exciting activities to take place across the week; here are some of the activities that will be happening throughout this year's Book Week.

#### **Big Book Swap: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

We are planning to hold a 'Big Book Swap' with the hope that every child can choose a book to take home. In order for this to be successful, we are asking children if they could donate any good quality books from home which they no longer read. Please could all donations be brought in by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. If we have any spare books, they will be added to our library.

#### **Author Visit: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

We are really looking forward to being inspired by children's author Emma Norry, who will be visiting us in person. As a child, Emma grew up in the care system. She is passionate about **diversity** and **inclusion** and showing children that authors can come from different backgrounds. We've already purchased copies of Emma's book 'Fable House' for our school library, which has been described as 'A brilliant, magical, insightful novel, filled with heart' **Joseph Coelho, Children's Laureate**.

#### **Travelling Book Fair: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

We have a Book Fair in school during these days to give the children the opportunity to buy a new book if they would like to. Further details will follow separately about this.

#### **World Book Day – Dress Up as a Book Character: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

On World Book Day itself, we would love the children to come to school dressed as a book character from their favourite book. We are looking forward to seeing the fantastic ideas they come up with!

#### **DEAR time**

Drop Everything And Read. Throughout each school day during Book Week, a special bell will sound, when this happens all children and staff will spontaneously drop what they are doing and find a comfy spot to drop everything and read a good book!



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### **Reading Swaps**

Teachers will be swapping classes to read their favourite books to another class within school. In addition, Years 3 and 6 will be swapping classes and sharing stories with their reading buddies and Years 4 will be visiting Ad Astra to read with children from Reception and Year 1. Year 5 will be joined by Year 2 from Ad Astra to enjoy sharing books together.

### **Competition time**

We will be running a number of competitions throughout the week with prizes that are being kindly donated by our PTA. We are asking the children to design a book mark, read in an unusual place and join in with their class to decorate their classroom door.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing a great Book Week with your child!

Yours faithfully,



Miss Lucy Waterhouse  
Headteacher



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