

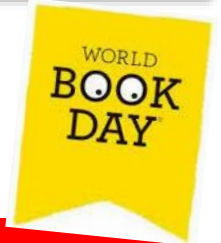


## Westcott Weekly

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024



Our School Value focus is: **LOVE**



**We will be combining our efforts for World Book Day and Red Nose Day this year!**

Throughout the week beginning 4th March, we will be celebrating the *Joy of Reading*. During that week, we would like families to bring into school any books they would like to donate (children's books only, please).

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. We would like everyone to dress up as a favourite book character!

The following Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day. We will hold a Book Sale at 3:15pm on that Friday, for Comic Relief. Children will be able to buy books at 50p each with all proceeds going to Comic Relief.

Children are also invited to dress up on Friday 15th March, Red Nose Day, to express themselves! This can be in their favourite clothes, brightly coloured, sparkly, cool or crazy! It would be great to see some funky hairstyles too! In return for their child's chance to dress up for the day, parents are invited to make a donation to Comic Relief via ParentPay. Details will be sent nearer the time.

We look forward to enjoying these special events with the children.

### Parent-Teacher Meetings

You will have received an email today inviting you to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please complete the slip and return it on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We will let you know the time of your appointment by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

# OAK

During this term, Oak has been learning about Sikhism in Religious Education. We are focusing mainly on how clothing expresses beliefs. The following two pieces of work demonstrate the children's understanding of the links between beliefs and dress code for Sikhs.

L.O: To explain the links between beliefs and dress codes.

Sikhs can be recognised by their unique clothing. However these clothings are a lot of people mistake their clothing ~~as to~~ for fashion but it actually symbolise their religion and beliefs. Kesh is where Sikhs don't cut their hair, it symbolise their identity and spiritual discipline. Next there is the Kara, it is a steel or iron bangle that remind Sikhs about their good deeds also they remind them that good is forever. There is also the Kanger that is a comb they wear in their hair; it symbolises cleanliness and neatness. Kachera is a special cotton under wear and it symbolises Sikhs being modest and faithful. A Kirpan is a sword made of steel and it symbolises the duty to fight injustice and protect others.

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Sikhs can be recognised by their unique clothing. Firstly, Kara is a steel bracelet that represents the circle of god. It is important to Sikhs because it reminds them to behave well and be good. Secondly, another element to the Sikh religion is to carry around a Kirpan which is a metal sword or knife. A Kirpan protects Sikhs from danger. Sikhs only wear their Kirpan in very dangerous life or death situations. Kesh is uncut hair, to represent god's creations. Sikhs can be worn in a turban because it is so long. Kachera is cotton underwear that represent modesty. They are cotton and are very comfy to wear. Finally, Kangha is a wooden comb used to make Sikhs look neat. They look tidy, and it represents cleanliness.

cleanliness

## BIRCH

Birch have continued to enjoy the story of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. They have been finding out about the remarkable features of the rat and painting some excellent rat pictures for their classroom display.

**Westcott**  
**Spring Clean**

**SUNDAY**  
**17TH MARCH**

MEET ON THE GREEN/PARK  
@10.30AM  
(ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED)

The cricket club has been hired for complimentary tea, coffee and cake afterwards



GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

### Class Assembly Dates

8:50am

BIRCH – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

LIME – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

OAK – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Save the date!

### PRAYER SQUARE

Gracious Lord,

Please bless each living creature that helps to make springtime so fantastic. We pray that You will continue to show mercy and grace with our weather, and ask that you show favour towards our gardens, farms, orchards, and fields. Help us to appreciate what You give us and the wonder of nature all around us.

**AMEN**

## LIME

In Lime we have been retelling the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and writing our own alternative endings to the story. We have also been making houses out of Lego and wooden bricks with some very interesting modern features! Next week, as part of our science topic work, we will be exploring different properties of materials to investigate why the Wolf could not blow the brick house down.



### Reminder: SATs information sessions for parents

*We would ask parents in Year 6 and Year 2 make every effort to attend this meeting. This is to find out how you can support your child to do their best in the upcoming SATs assessments.*

**For parents of children in Year 6**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 3:20pm-3:50pm

**For parents of children in Year 2**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3:20pm-3:50pm