



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share that this week we will be celebrating *Book Week*! We have a wonderful range of fun activities planned for the children to enjoy.

On **Wednesday 4th March**, we will be having *Bedtime Stories*, and on **Thursday 5th March**, the children are invited to come to school dressed up as their favourite book character for *World Book Day*.

We look forward to a magical week of stories and imagination!

**Phonics:** In Phonics this week we will be revising and reviewing our sounds from the previous half term. **Please ensure your child is reading at home each day and you are signing their Reading Record.**

This week we will be focusing on the following harder-to-read and spell words: **were, out, like** and **was**. Please continue to practise these words with your child, using the list in their Reading Record. You might like to challenge your child to spot these HRSWs in their school reading books, as well as any books you share together at home.

**Maths:** we will be learning all about *doubles*! The children will be exploring how to make doubles using practical resources, games, and fun activities to help them understand the concept. Please feel free to practise doubling at home too—for example, by doubling small amounts of objects or talking about doubles you see in everyday life.

**Literacy:** As part of our *Book Week* celebrations, we will be sharing the story *What the Ladybird Heard* with the children. Throughout the week, we will be discussing the main events in the story, exploring the characters, and enjoying acting out some of the movements and descriptive words together. The children will take part in fun, interactive activities to help them deepen their understanding of the story and develop their speaking and listening skills.

As part of our *Book Week* celebrations, we are hoping to make **ladybird biscuits** with the children. To help us with this activity, we would be very grateful for any donations of:

- Packs of digestive biscuits
- Red food colouring
- Black food colouring
- Icing sugar

**PSHE:** In PSHE this term, our topic is **Healthy Me**. This week, we will be learning about the importance of exercise for keeping our bodies healthy. The children will explore different types of physical activities and sports and think about how moving our bodies helps us stay strong and well.

If you can donate any of the following for the beginning of the week, we would be very grateful 😊  
oats, paper plates

**Diary Dates:**

**W/C 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Manby Lodge Book Week

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Safeguarding Session for Volunteers with Miss Morris - 9.10 - 9.35am

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Bedtime Stories - 5:15pm-6pm (Parents can drop children off)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - Dress up Day for World Book Day

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - FOML Mother's Day Pop up Shop

**W/C 9<sup>th</sup> March** - Science Week

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March** - Science Workshop

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Safeguarding Session for Volunteers with Miss Morris - 9.10 - 9.35am

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Mother's Day Cream Tea (Details to follow)

Thank you  
The Reception Team 😊