



Witchampton CE First School

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Important Dates:

Story Sack Parent Information Workshop: Monday 6th February 3.30pm
in the hall

World Book Day (Parents invited in to school to share story sacks): Thursday
2nd March 9.00 – 10.30am



Dear Parents,

World Book Day is fast approaching and we would love everyone at Witchampton C of E First School to get involved! The day will be devoted to the celebration of books and enjoyment of reading.

Not only would we like children (and adults, of course!) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, but this year we would like to invite families of our children to enter into the spirit further, **by preparing a Story Sack or Story Tin at home and then bringing it in to share with the children at school on World Book Day.**

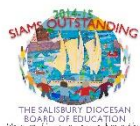
What is a Story Sack?

Choose a fantastic book that can be read aloud within 5 - 15 minutes. It can be fiction or poetry; as long as you think it will capture children's interest. It may be a book that you already have at home. Using the theme of the book, collect some 'props' that can be used alongside the story and create a fun, easy activity to consolidate the story. Put it all inside a drawstring bag (decoration optional) or lidded container.

An example of a story sack based on The Three Little Pigs

- Copy of 'The three little pigs' (of which there are a number of versions)
- Models or pictures of the three pigs and the wolf
- Some straw, some twigs and some stone or pebbles
- Non-fiction book about buildings
- Fireman's prop e.g. hose or hat
- Paper and crayons (no need to include these as we can access easily at school)
- Activity card (see below for ideas)

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Take out some of the props slowly as clues – can the children guess what the story might be? Read the story and then if there is time, invite the children to do a short, simple activity.

Possible activities:

- Draw a character or draw an ideal wolf-proof house;
- Draw a story map of the plot to help with re-telling the story;
- Ask the children to have a go at blowing the straw, twigs and stone across the floor and discover which moved most easily;
- Using the wolf model, children can tell the wolf off and give him some tips for making friends;
- Talk about the dangers of fires and ask children what they would do in a fire.

This is purely an invitation and of course, not obligatory, but we are sure you will recognise the power of adults modelling a love of reading. You don't have to be an expert story teller and we really want the morning to be fun and relaxed.

You can either donate your story sack to the school, to allow other groups of children to benefit from it, or you are free to take it home again. Either way, we are just very grateful for any story sacks that come into school on World Book Day! The children will absolutely love having parents and relatives as visiting story tellers!

For more information, please come along to the hall on Monday 6th February straight after school.

Please indicate on the form below whether you are interested in taking part in making and sharing a story sack.

With grateful thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Richardson
English Lead

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Name of child/ren

Class.....

Please tick:

- ☐ I / we are interested in making and sharing a Story Sack for Thursday 2nd March 9.00-10.30am
- ☐ I / we will / will not be attending the information workshop on Monday 6th February a 3.30pm

Signed _____