



# Redhill Primary Academy Mail on Friday



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## World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. We can't wait to see the children dressed up as their favourite book characters. The teachers are looking forward to joining in too! The World Book Day website has plenty of ideas for all levels of creativity from quick and simple outfits to more detailed costumes. You can find inspiration here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents-and-carers/>  
Book Swap Day

Once again, we have decided to take part in a Book Swap Day, as it is a great way to share your love of reading and discover exciting new books, as well as give children the opportunity to choose a book for themselves that excite them and start to build a lifelong love of reading. Children can bring in a book that they no longer want and swap it on the day (books in good condition only please).

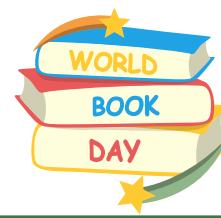
### £1 Book Tokens

Every child will receive a £1 book token, which can be exchanged for one of the special World Book Day FREE books, or used as £1 off any full-price book of their choice.

Full details and this year's book selection can be found at: <https://www.worldbookday.com/Celebrating-Reading>

World Book Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and enjoy reading together. Reading with and to your child every day makes a huge difference to their learning and helps them reach their full potential.

Happy reading!



## New Parental Control Videos

A couple of days ago, Internet Matters uploaded three useful, short videos onto YouTube, each focussing on parental controls for YouTube, Roblox and TikTok, the links can be found below:

[YouTube parental controls top features.](#)

[The top 3 parental controls to use on Roblox.](#)

[The top 3 parental controls to use on TikTok.](#)

## Parent Consultations

We will be holding our parent consultation meetings for your child's class on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Appointments will be for a maximum of 10 minutes face to face with the teacher.

We will be using our management information system to enable you to book your own slot.

You will need to log onto the Arbor App to book/cancel/amend your slot.

The ability to book your appointment will open on Arbor on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7am. The booking system will close at 12pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, so that a register of attendance can be printed, and teachers can plan for the appointments.



## House Competition Day: Archery Success at Redhill



This week, the children of Redhill enjoyed an exciting House Competition Day filled with teamwork, fun, and impressive skill. Pupils from across the school paired up with children from different year groups to take part in an archery challenge, earning valuable points for their house teams. The event was led by Telford and Wrekin Sports Partnerships, who praised the pupils for their enthusiasm, focus, and fantastic archery abilities. They were especially grateful for the brilliant leadership shown by our House Captains: Blake, Noah, Esme, Mila, and Amrin, whose encouragement helped the event run smoothly.

In a very close contest, this year's winners were Darwin House—well done to them, and congratulations to all pupils for their wonderful effort and sportsmanship throughout the day!



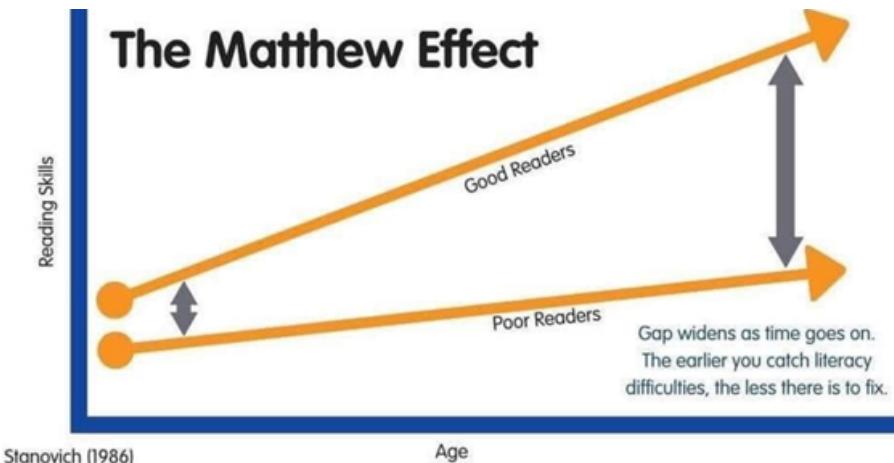
## The Importance of Reading

Here at Redhill, we truly believe that reading is the key to unlocking success in all areas of the curriculum. It is one of our key priorities in ensuring that every child who leaves us at the end of year 6 is a fluent and confident reader with a real enthusiasm for books.

This is why we work so hard to promote and encourage reading, both in school and at home, from the moment children start at the Academy. As demonstrated in the image below, it is well-known that children who don't develop good reading skills from an early age, rarely catch up.

As part of our homework policy, children are expected to read at home five times per week. We kindly ask that a signature or short comment is added to their reading record each time to confirm that this reading has taken place.

If a child is not completing regular reading at home, this will be followed up by teachers and senior leaders.



Here are some ways in which you can help your child develop a love of reading:

<b>I spy</b> ...play I spy games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a...? How many ... can you see?	<b>Ask questions</b> ...ask questions about the story as you read it i.e. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?
<b>Make it fun</b> ...enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.	<b>Be seen</b> ...make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.
<b>Create</b> ...use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.	<b>Get out</b> ...go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.
<b>Read everything out loud.</b> Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels... anything that is close to hand!	