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Dear Parents and Carers,

Throughout the month of March, across the school, we will be celebrating reading in all its forms. There will be plenty of opportunities for children to share in reading conversations, explore books and discover different authors and genres. We have a range of exciting events and competitions designed to engage, enthuse and inspire children to read for pleasure.

Reading Calendar

Miss Robson has created a 'Month of Reading Calendar' with a challenge for each day. There are a range of challenges that are appropriate for all ages, giving children opportunities to talk, explore and create using books. The 'Month of Reading Calendar' has been uploaded to the Class Story page and is also available on the [school website](#). We would love to see photos of children completing their reading challenges, these can be uploaded to your child's Class Dojo portfolio.

Build a Book Character Competition

As we aren't able to dress up and celebrate World Book Day in school, we invite children to create their own 'loo roll' book character. All you need is a loo roll or kitchen roll, some paper and a bit of imagination, see the attached poster for inspiration. Please upload photos of the book character creations to your child's Class Dojo portfolio. There will be a book-based prize for the most creative entries from KS1 (including Reception) and KS2. The closing date for entries is Monday 22nd March. The winners will be announced in the final week of Term 4.



Story Writing Competition

Katherine Rundell, author of *Rooftoppers* and *The Explorer*, has challenged children across the country to write an adventure story starring their favourite book character. Watch her introductory video [here](#). At Bishop Road, we are turning this into a school wide competition. The challenge is to create a story about what happened to your favourite book character before their book began. For example, children could write a story about what the bear in 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' was doing before the family found him or what happened to the Big Bad Wolf to make him so big and bad. Entries should be uploaded to your child's Class Dojo portfolio. As with the Build a Book Character competition, there will be a book-based prize for the most imaginative entries from KS1 (including Reception) and KS2. The closing date for entries is Monday 22nd March. The winners will be announced in the final week of Term 4.

World Book Day

On World Book Day (Thursday 4th March), children will participate in a book-related quiz during their daily Zoom or in class. We will also be launching Bishop Road Primary School's Masked Reader, featuring some familiar faces from around the school. Alongside the challenges and activities that will be going on in school, the [World Book Day website](#) has a huge variety of book related activities that children could complete at home. As usual, children will receive a book token, which entitles them to one free World Book Day book or £1 off a book or audio book of their choice. More information about the World Book Day books can be found [here](#). The vouchers will be handed out by class teachers in the week commencing 8th March.

The 'Month of Reading' is a great opportunity to explore books in a way that encourages and supports reading for pleasure: something that is central to the curriculum at Bishop Road. We hope that families enjoy time together to share stories and that this celebration of reading helps to boost children's passion for books as we return to school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Purnell
KS2 Reading Lead



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Image from: Chris Riddell



Image from: Red Ted Art



Image from: Emma Suffield

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Please do not bring your creations into school.

Prizes
to be won!

