



27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

“A good school library isn't just important for academic achievement. Reading for pleasure also improves children's wellbeing – something our children need now more than ever before.”

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Why Reading is important...**

Research shows that sharing stories with children of all ages for at least ten minutes a day is beneficial towards children's development. Reading and sharing stories increases self-esteem, boosts creativity and imagination, improves wellbeing and creates readers for life. It is also a positive and fun experience that can be shared with parents

At West Kirby Primary School, we aim to ensure that reading is fully integrated across the whole curriculum, giving pupils as many opportunities to read as possible. In addition, we also aim to develop pupil's reading for pleasure.

### **Share-a-Story Day...**

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June, we will be taking part in Share-a-Story Day. During the day, we will be celebrating reading and sharing stories across each key phase. Unfortunately, this year World Book Day celebrations were affected by school closures due to Covid. Share-a-Story Day will enable us to enjoy and share a reading event with all our pupils together. We are aware that many children would have liked the opportunity to wear their World Book Day costumes in school. Therefore, if children wish to, they are invited to come to school on this date dressed as a character from their favourite book.

To allow us to continue to support reading at home, we would also like to use this opportunity to help raise money to update our current home/school reading books. We kindly ask that if your child would like to take part and dress up as a book character, they bring a £1 donation. This will go towards purchasing new books for our pupils to continue sharing with you at home.

### **Amazon Wish List...**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> June we will be launching our school Amazon wish list, which we hope will help to build and update our classroom libraries and continue to enrich our children's literacy diets. We will be sending more information about this goal and how you can help support our school on this date.

For further support with reading at home, please visit our school website via the link below.

[West Kirby Primary School - Supporting Reading at Home](#)

Thank you for your continued support.