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Dear Parent/Carers,

## **Literacy Week – Getting to Know Classics: Week Commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

We are very excited that Literacy Week (with World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March) is approaching, and we would like to outline the details and activities of this week. The theme for this year will be “Getting to Know Classics”. We have chosen this theme, as not only do classics help enrich our students with a more critical mindset, widen their vocabulary and develop a deeper appreciation for literacy; it would also give students an opportunity to be familiar with classics before studying for their English GCSEs.

As is fast becoming a tradition at Lealands, there will be a number of other reading inspired events for students to enjoy. We will be hosting “Drop Everything and Read” in which towards the end of the school day, all students will read an extract from the classic *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe throughout the week. To promote our Accelerated Reader programme, we are allowing students to be put into reading teams and the team with the most Accelerated Reader points will be gifted an afternoon of watching a film with popcorn as a reward. A book swap will be held on Wednesday break time - this has always been popular in the past as this encourages students to read new books, and on Thursday we are arranging an Alice in Wonderland day for a selection of students.

We are inviting only year 7 and 8 this year to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday. Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that this is not a non-school uniform day, and if students in year 7 and 8 do not wish to dress up they must come in their full school uniform. Students must clearly be in costume, and we ask that students do not come in casual clothing, and to not wear hoodies or hats. In addition, if year 7 or 8 students wish to dress up, they must bring in a £1 charity donation which their tutor will collect. Although only those students in year 7 and 8 can take part in dressing up, we are inviting all students to come wearing a placard of their favourite book to promote discussion. Placards will be available in the LRC.

Games and competitions will be held throughout the week, including: guess the staff member’s costume, unscramble the anagrams and book themed quizzes. All will be advertised on the student bulletin. We will also be rewarding students who accumulate the most amount of Literacy STEPs during Literacy Week with a reward.

All students will be gifted a £1 off book voucher which they will be able to use in bookstores. If you would like more information on how these vouchers can be used, please visit the website [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com).

To help this week to be a success, we ask you to encourage your child to participate in these activities, and as always, discuss reading and literature with them. There is also a Loom video attached to the bottom of this email,

which will be shown to all students, for your information.

We thank you for your continued support with the programme.

The Loom video for your information -

<https://www.loom.com/share/dd82f0630a514d75b9b354c47d6556d4>

Yours sincerely,

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