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To all Parents/Carers,

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As World Book day fast approaches (and the search for costumes begins!) there has been a lot of talk in Derby schools about Reading and how best to promote a love of Reading.

Historically, and long before I arrived, Markeaton has always celebrated a love of books and in no way does that show any signs of slowing down. We have two amazing libraries which are used and run by the children, we have a full time librarian who provides us with amazing advice and support, we have daily Guided Reading sessions in every classroom and we have time set aside every day where teachers will read a book to their children. The children continue to love Reading but in a world becoming populated with technology it is important for us all to promote the three key ingredients:



- 'Active' Reading – teaching the children to interact with books
- Reading behaviours – encouraging children to read as often as possible (including a mixture of genres)
- Appreciation of texts – making sure that Reading remains enjoyable as much as possible

In other news, it was great to see so many Parents/Carers and other family members visit the Y2 classrooms after school this week to look at all the WWII artwork and Anderson Shelters that the children have created. This is a piece of History which always gets people talking and it was yet another topic supported by the Library Service. If you still haven't completed the consultation questionnaire then please do so as the deadline is in a few weeks: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=151308571491>



Lastly, next week is Children's Mental Health Week and there will be a special assembly on Monday – please keep an eye on Twitter and the website for useful links and resources. E-Safety Day is also on Tuesday and there will be a number of activities taking place to highlight this really important subject.

Have a good weekend,

Mr I. Johnson

PS here is the link for our Sponsored Snowdon Climb:

<https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/ianjohnson/markeaton-midnight-snowdon-challenge.aspx>