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Dear Parents

In celebration of our new library opening and World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**, we will be having a reading focus in school next week. Below is a summary of the activities that shall be taking place.

Activity	When	Details
Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Week AND Paired Reading on World Book Day.	All week	Every day next week children will need to bring in a book from home. This can be a fiction or non-fiction book, magazine or comic. When the bell sounds everyone (including staff) will stop and read for a short while. We are happy for children to bring in their Kindle if they wish, but we stress that they are their responsibility. Paired reading involves older children reading with younger ones. They love it and it benefits both of them
Readathon	2 weeks from Monday 3 rd March	Please see overleaf for more information.
Winter Olympic Research 	All week	Children will be using non-fiction books to research a particular theme linked to the Winter Olympics: Year 3- Winter Olympic Sports Year 4- Russia Year 5- Famous Olympians Year 6- Winter Olympic History <i>If possible, please can you visit your local library and bring in a non-fiction book to support this activity?</i>
Dress up in a colour of the Olympic rings <i>We will be attempting to form a human set of Olympic rings on the field or playground.</i> 	Thursday 6 th March ONLY	Linked to our Winter Olympics theme, we would like the children to come dressed up in one of the Olympic ring colours. Classes 1, 5 and 9- RED Classes 2, 6 and 10- YELLOW Classes 3, 7 and 11- GREEN Classes 4, 8 and 12- BLUE All staff will be wearing black to complete the rings! If your child does not have a top AND bottoms in their particular colour, we are happy for a top to be worn with school trousers/skirt. We are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 for this activity. All money will go towards updating and improving our current stock of books in the new library!

Additionally the children will be given a £1 book token on World Book Day to spend on a variety of books in local book shops. If you require further information about this, please visit: www.worldbookday.com.
Thank you for your support in advance.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Cornforth – Literacy Lead