# Edenfield C of E Primary School




25th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be launching Reading Week on Monday 3rd March to coincide with World Book Day on 6th March. Every class will enjoy a wide range of exciting activities linked to the theme of **'award winning contemporary fiction'**. School will also be hosting a number of events to promote a love of books and reading. These include:

- The Readathon (see separate letter)
- D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read) initiative throughout the week
- Class teacher swap sessions to share the teachers' favourite classic children's books and stories
- Dressing up Day (each class will receive a letter from the teacher) and Parade
- Book Oscars – books will be nominated by pupils and a final vote will result in the Book Oscar Awards
- Lots of exciting reading and writing activities linked to the chosen class author
- Whole school presentation for parents and carers on the stories and novels studied (more details to follow)
- *Character Champion Challenge* competition and Oracy Project (see below)
- Read with my 'book buddy'
- Read with a Grandparent Day
- Story Competition

The books we will be using in each class are as follows:

- Class R: A Walk in Paris by Salvatore Rubbino
- Y1: The Storm Whale by Benji Davies
- Y2: Bertha and Blink - Rumble in the Jungle by Nicola Colton
- Y3: Ottoline and the Yellow Cat by Chris Riddell
- Y4: The Last Bear by Hannah Gold
- Y5: The Treasure Hunters by Lisa Thompson
- Y6: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

**Character Champion Challenge (Competition)**

In addition to all of the wonderful activities taking place in school, we would like the children to get involved with our reading theme week by getting creative at home. We are asking the children to create an image of their favourite book character of all time using a medium of their choice. This could be:

- A painting
- A drawing

- A sculpture
- Any 3D image
- A knitted or textile image
- A graphic image
- Or any other idea your child wishes to explore …

There will be prizes for each key stage for the best entries. In order to raise money for school and to cover the cost of competition prizes, we are requesting an entry fee of £1.00 for each character champion – please see entry slip below. Please bring in your entry no later than Friday 7th March, clearly labelled with your name and class.

We will then be exploring the concept of characters further in class with the ***Character Champion Oracy Challenge*** where the children will be involved in debate and presentations about their favourite characters linked to the class book.

We are looking forward to a successful week of reading challenges. Please keep checking the website gallery for a range of photographs capturing the week's events.

Yours faithfully,

C L Garner
Headteacher

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## Character Champion Competition 2025

**Poster entry from: ..... Class .....**

**I have paid my child's entry fee via ParentPay**

**Signed: ..... (parent / carer)**




