

Tuesday 14 April

Dear Grade 1 Parents

Library for grade 1 takes place once a week, and during this time the girls exchange their books and enjoy a story.

Library aims to enrich their structured learn-to-read process which takes place in class, so please do not stress about the following activities. Rather just enjoy the stories with your daughter.

Most commonly, during our library time, we use the Oxford Reading Tree series which the school has purchased. We call these "Talking Stories".

The closest I can offer to this experience is to tell you about the **Oxford Owl free e-book** online option. First you would need to register as a parent user, but the resource is free. Once you have registered, and logged in, you can find their free e-books on this page:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

The story I have chosen for this week is called "Big, bad bug". It's on the third shelf down. There is discussion for before the story and two cute games to play after reading it.

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/digital_books/1215.html **Big, bad bug**

There is nothing to stop you choosing a different story for your child, should this not suit her specific reading stage. I suggest using the audio first, but thereafter turning the sound off and asking her to read the words to you. Stories are great for discussion too, so please follow the discussion guide at the start of the story.

Here is something exciting to share with your daughter:

Thursday 23 April is **World Book Day 2020**. This is the day on which we celebrate World Book Day in South Africa.

We follow the United Nations date for this.

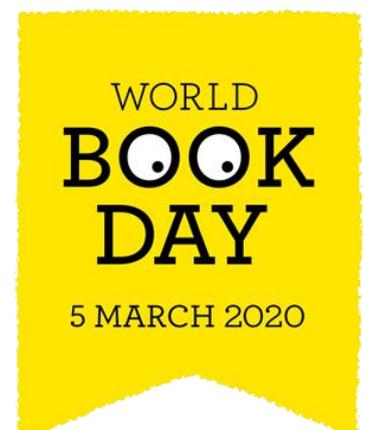
There is a fantastic, dedicated UK website for World Book Day

<https://www.worldbookday.com/> This is their logo.

In the UK this is on a different day from us as it is a charity organisation funded by publishers & booksellers in the UK & Ireland.

From this amazing collection of free resources, I have chosen the story by Julia Donaldson entitled: Postman Bear

<https://www.worldbookday.com/videos/acorn-wood-postman-bear/>



And after reading there are some fun activities to do. I have downloaded the pdf, so it can be shared as an attachment.

[https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Acorn Woods Activity Pack1 Postman Bear.pdf](https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Acorn_Woods_Activity_Pack1_Postman_Bear.pdf)

My third tip is for Nelson Mandela Bay library card holders.

I'm not sure whether you are aware that you can download the Libby app to your phone/device, search for our Nelson Mandela Bay library, insert your library card number and use the Kids library resources for free! You simply have to be a library member. Search for Kids and choose something that is appropriate for your daughter. I have searched picture books and found some delightful options. This is what the App looks like on my phone.



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Thank you for your support in enriching your daughter's reading world.

And best wishes from the library to you and your precious family in this challenging time.

Kind regards,

Mrs R Bentley (Librarian)