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'Word Aware' launch event on World Book Day, Thursday 3rd March 2022

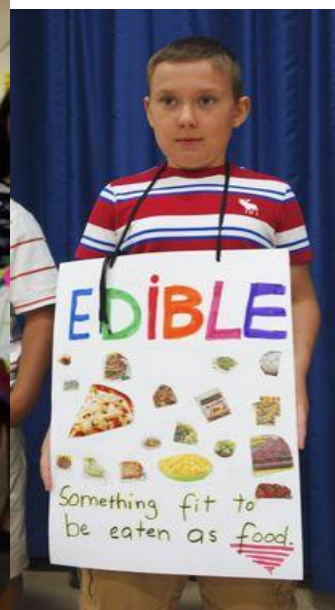
Dear Parent/Carers,

At Hampton Hargate, the development of language is a key priority. Having a wide vocabulary is crucial to leading a successful life. Next term we are introducing a programme across the school called **'Word Aware'** which teaches vocabulary to children. Reception children have already been enjoying this vocabulary programme since September and we have been sharing these words with you as our 'words of the week'.

A key principle of Word Aware, is to **have fun with words**. By school and families working together we can give our children the best chance to learn words.

As such, we are asking for your support to celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 3rd March** when we will hold a **Word Parade** in our classrooms. Here's how you can help:

- 1) Please help your child to choose an exciting word and to come dressed as that word. Visit <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/romans618/vocab-parade-costumes/> for some ideas.



- 2) Support them to write the word and its definition on a piece of card. You can use a free online dictionary to find a definition: <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english>
- 3) Please take the opportunity to discuss the word with your child and to model how to use it. On average, a child needs to hear a word used correctly about 12 times before being able to use it correctly themselves.

We will display your child's card in the classrooms and corridors as part of a school-wide celebration of wonderful words.

It is not necessary to buy costumes for this event. Some imagination, card and pens can create some really great word costumes. Children will also get a chance to discuss possibilities with their teacher so they may come home with lots of ideas. Please speak to your class teacher, or Mrs Todisco or Miss Moss if you need any support with ideas and/or resources.

Many thanks

Mrs Todisco

Reading Lead

Miss Moss

Deputy Head and Literacy Lead