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Dear Parents and Carers

**Message from Mrs Rawlins – 4.3.22**

We have had a busy week in school, and now that we are in March, it's good to see some sunshine (occasionally) and signs of Spring beginning to appear around us. Teachers enjoyed being able to catch up with many of you this week at online parent/carer consultations and to share lots of good news about how children are getting on with their learning!

**World Book Day, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March:** Yesterday, we had a lovely day in school, celebrating reading. Please have a look at the page on the school website ([World Book Day - Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022](#)) – we have begun to add photos of bookish things going on in school. There are even videos of some teachers reading Mini Grey picturebooks too! We will continue to add to this page, so please do keep checking back!

**Science Week:** Next week, we will be having a Science focus in our assemblies and in some lessons, as it is Science week nationally. The national theme is 'Growth'. I have attached a document from Miss Joomun, our Science lead, with some ideas for home learning, including a Poster Competition organised by the British Science Week people. Entries can be uploaded to their website, but all details are on Miss Joomun's document.

**Free Science event:** I have also attached a flyer for a lovely Science event on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the Church of the Good Shepherd. It is part of the Cambridge Festival and runs from 3.30pm – 4.45pm.

**Art in the Ark:** I have attached a pdf with information from Jesus College about a free Art and Drama workshop on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact them by 9<sup>th</sup> March if you have a KS2-aged child who is interested in attending.

**Conflict in Ukraine:** We have all been shocked and saddened by the news in this past week. I just wanted to reassure you that in school we will continue to support children sensitively and kindly if they have questions or worries which they bring to any of the adults. We do, of course, encourage children to talk to their grown-ups at home too. The Local Authority have recommended a couple of websites with some useful advice on how to support children in times like these, particularly when we can feel overwhelmed and surrounded by rolling news. I found both of these short website articles helpful:

- [British Psychological Society - Supporting children to manage anxiety over war, conflict and crises](#)
- [KQED - War, Crisis, Tragedy: How to talk with kids when the news is scary](#)

Thank you for your continued support – we do appreciate it. As usual, please do contact us if we can be of help. If you have any specifically KS1 questions, please contact Sophie Morris at [smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk) and for anything specifically involving KS2, please contact me at [drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:drawlins@arbury.cambs.sch.uk).

Wishing you a happy – and hopefully not too rainy - weekend!

Kind regards

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