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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Book Week Scotland 2017 – Information for Parents/Carers**

Next Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December is Book Week Scotland 2017 and, as ever, we will be recognising and celebrating this special week at Udston Primary School. This year, we would like the children to choose their all-time favourite book, it can be their current favourite or even a story which they loved when they were younger and still enjoy reading today. We would like the children to bring their favourite book into school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November and keep it in school until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The children will use their favourite book throughout the week to complete a range of learning activities in class. They will also get the chance to talk to their peers about their chosen book and explain why it is their favourite. For this reason, we would be grateful if you could help your child choose a book which they are familiar with to ensure they feel confident talking about the book and can take part in learning activities relating to the story. If your child does not have a suitable book at home, please put a note in their Homework Diary this week and we will arrange for your child to borrow a book from the School Lending Library. We are interested in finding out whether there is a 'most popular' favourite book amongst the children!

Throughout Book Week Scotland, we are challenging all children (and families!) to '**Switch Off And Read**' (**SOAR**) as often as they can. We are encouraging children to switch off their TVs, computers, tablets, etc. at some point throughout the week and instead open a book, magazine or newspaper and enjoy some quiet reading either independently or with their families. At the start of next week, your child will receive a Book Week Reading Challenge Bookmark and we would like them to record any times throughout the week that they spend reading **anything** at home. We would also like the children to use the theme of their favourite book to design the front of the bookmark. The bookmark should be handed into the class teacher on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December and a selection of bookmarks from each class will be shared at our Book Week Assembly.

Last year our Eco Committee organised a very successful Book Swap during Book Week Scotland and this year, our Junior Librarians will be offering this opportunity to the children again. If your child has any unloved books in search of a new owner, then we would ask them to bring them into school from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The children will then get the opportunity to go along and swap their books at playtime on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. To avoid your child's favourite book being mixed in with their books for the Book Swap, we would ask that you send any books for the Book Swap in a plastic bag clearly marked with your child's name and labelled 'Book Swap'.

Many thanks to all families for supporting our Book Week Scotland events. To find out more information about how you can become involved in Book Week Scotland 2017, please visit <http://scottishbooktrust.com/reading/book-week-scotland/about>.

Kind regards

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