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Speech and Language Message of the Week

What is Reading for Meaning?

This is being able to read and simultaneously understand what you are reading.

Research shows that children can improve their reading for meaning skills by learning some key strategies.

TOP TIPS FOR READING FOR MEANING

STRATEGIES TO TEACH STUDENTS

TOP TIP

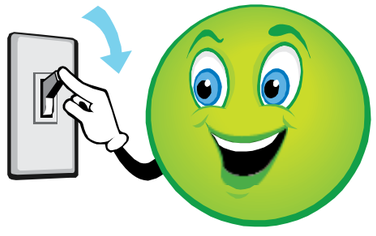
Encourage parents to talk about the book their child is reading, not just listen to them reading.

Clarifying

- Spot the words I don't understand
  - Look them up in a dictionary
  - Make a word map
  - Think of words I already know that are like this
- Read back in the text
- Read ahead in the text

Predicting

- Switch on the things I already know; what is likely to happen next and why?



Questioning

- What else do I want to know?
- What is missing?
- How do I find out?

Summarising

- Find the important information
- Get the information in the right order

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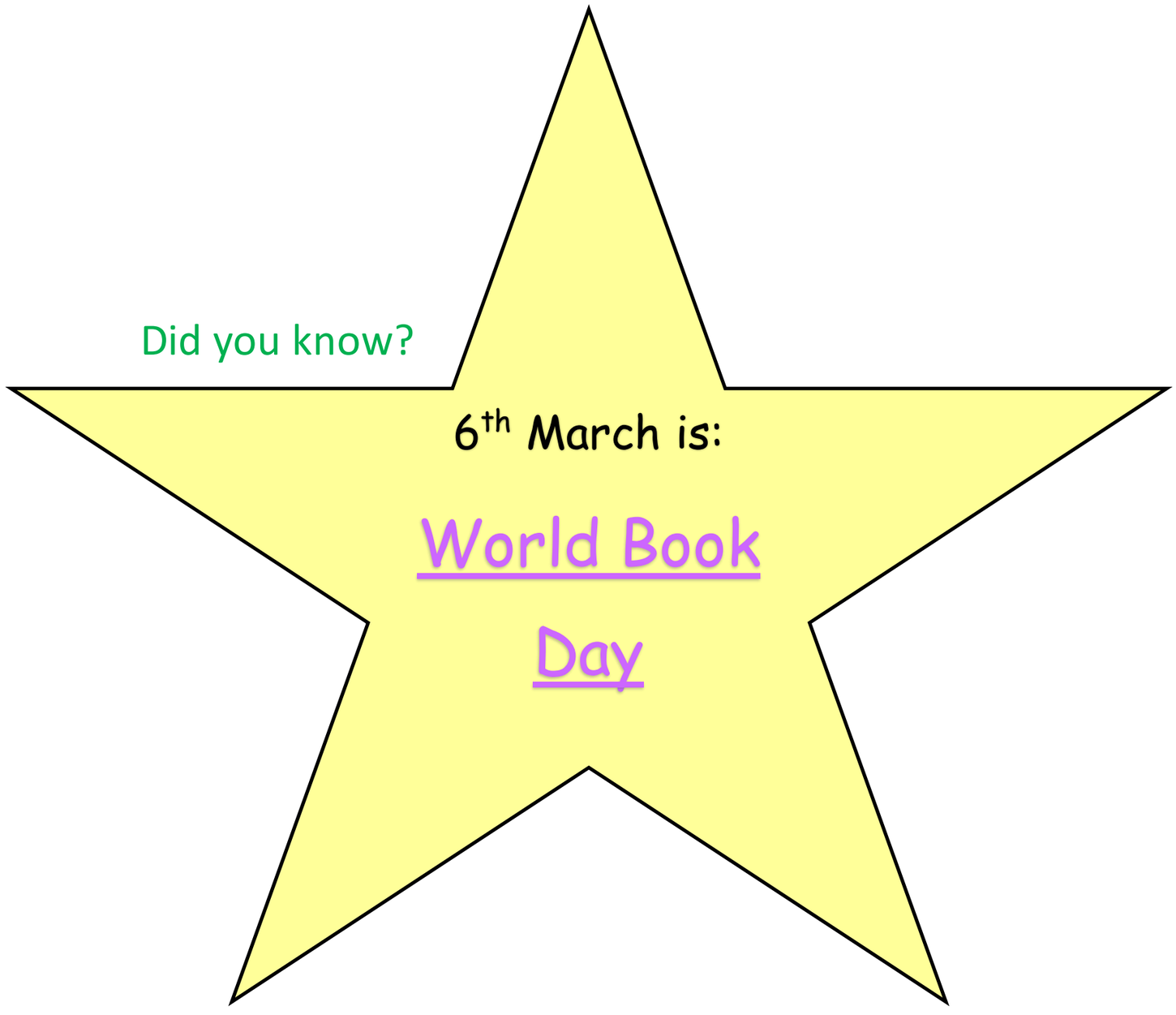

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