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Speech and Language Message of the Week

Sharing books with babies and young children is a great way to help them learn to talk.

Find a **quiet place** to read to your child and make sure there are no distractions i.e. TV, phone, iPad. This will help your child to listen.

Give your child time to respond to you. This a good way to encourage two-way communication.

TOP TIPS FOR READING TO CHILDREN

As well as reading the story, **talk about and act out what is happening in the story**. See if your child can pretend to be the characters in the story with you. If there's a picture of a dog in a book, talk about a dog you know. This will help develop your child's vocabulary.

Don't pressure your child to name pictures or objects.

Be slow and clear when you read and don't be afraid to use sing-song or funny voices for characters. Make reading fun for your child!

Remember, it's all about developing a love of books and sharing stories. Books are a great way to help your child's language development.

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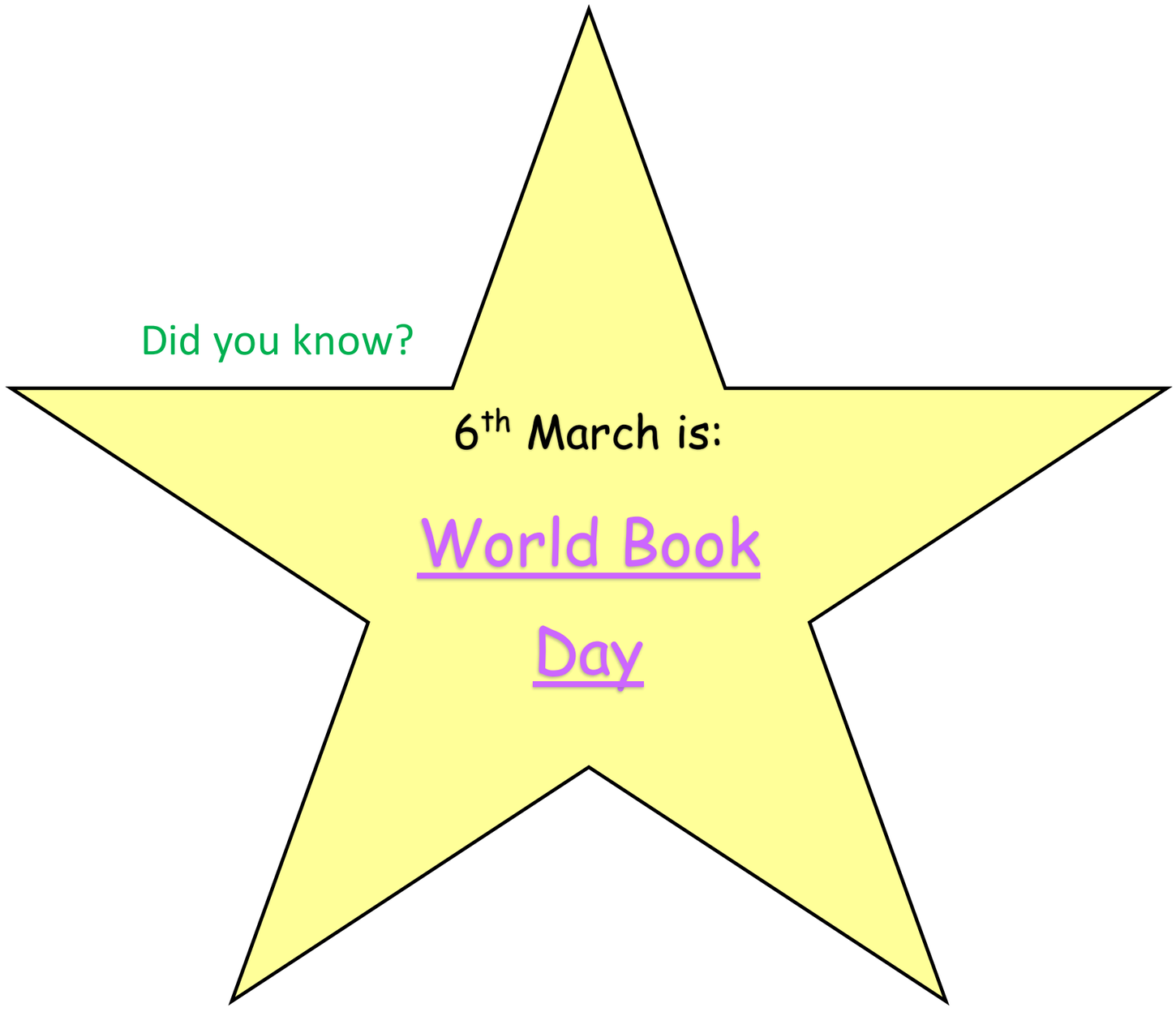

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