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Dear Parents and Carers

We are very happy to announce that the Year 5 children will be taking part in the 2020 Young City Reads. This is an annual event where one book is selected for school children in the area to read, explore, discuss and creatively engage with. It is the largest children's shared reading project in the South. **We will launch the event on World Book Day (5th March) and it will culminate in a big live event with the author at the Brighton Dome during the Brighton Festival, on Thursday 21st May.**

The aims of Young City Reads are: for children to read for pleasure, to empower them to believe in themselves and to help open doors for the future. It offers children creative and cultural opportunities as well as opportunities to improve their literacy skills. It improves not just reading ability, but self-confidence, communication and learning.

This year, the book is *Malamander*, by Thomas Taylor. A thrilling seaside mystery, *Malamander* is set in Eerie-on-Sea, a town where strange stories seem to wash up on the shore. The story follows a daring duo, Herbert Lemon, Lost and Founder at the Grand Nautilus Hotel, and Violet Parma, a young girl searching for her parents who disappeared twelve years earlier, as they team up to solve the mystery of a legendary sea-monster.

Whilst we will purchase class copies, we would like to give the children the opportunity to own their own copy, which they will be able to annotate during learning, if they wish, to increase their understanding of the text. The children who own their own books will also be able to take them home and read the story independently. As the book is theirs, once they have finished it, the children can keep the book, or they may like to then donate the book to a younger sibling or relative.

We are therefore asking if parents would like to voluntarily buy the book so the children have their own copy. The book can be purchased in stores or on Amazon for £5.40. If you would like the school to purchase this book on your behalf, then please complete the below slip with the payment and an order can be placed. Of course there is no obligation to buy the book, it is completely voluntary.

The Year 5 team.

Y5 Young City Read Malamander

My child..... class..... would like the school to purchase the book on their behalf and have paid £5.40 on Parent Pay.

Signed..... Parent/carer

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