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Dear Families,

It is national storytelling week Monday 2nd February to Sunday 8th February. This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of sharing stories. Stories teach children about the world; they allow them to jump into someone else's shoes and feel empathy. Books can be a way to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills.

During storytelling week, children in KS1 will have the chance to listen to author Annemarie Anang online and build stories through sound. KS2 will have the opportunity to explore stories through rap and rhythm online with Alim Kamara.

We would like to invite any family members in during the week to be a surprise reader. You can come in and read a story of your choice to your child's class. If this is something you would like to do, please speak to your child's class teacher and let them know which day and time you would be available during the **week beginning 2nd February**. You need to do this by the **end of Monday 26th January** please, so that we have time to organise this in school.

Also, we would like to invite all children to read a book in the most unusual place they can think of! Please take a picture of this and send it in with your child, so that these can then be shared in class. There will be a small prize for all entries. ***Please have these in by Thursday 5th February and be as creative as you can!***

We are really looking forward to sharing stories together and enjoying a love of reading. This year is 'The National Year of Reading', please access this site for more information https://goallin.org.uk/
We will keep you updated on all kinds of wonderful ways to celebrate and enjoy books and we will share how we are celebrating this special year in school.

Thank you

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Reading Lead

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