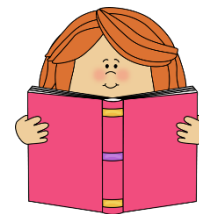




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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are sure you are aware, reading and creating a love of books and stories is such an important part of children's early education, not only does reading have an impact on children's educational achievements but it can also have a lifelong impact beyond that of the curriculum.



In Reception, we are always excited to create and embed this early love of reading and books and this year is no exception. Prior to COVID, we started many new initiatives to support this vital part of children's development, such as half termly visits to the local library and a project called 'Secret Story Teller'.

The children in last year's Reception class adored our 'Surprise Story Teller' project, where we invited parents, carers and other special adults into the classrooms to share stories with the children. As the name suggests, the children didn't know who would be coming in and just loved the surprise.

We would love to start the secret story teller project again and this is where we need your help! Obviously, as with pretty much everything, COVID means this will have to be done slightly differently at the moment. Therefore, as we are unable to have visitors in school at the moment, we have decided to try and run the project remotely. So instead of having our story tellers in school, we would do it via Teams or by using a pre-recorded video. The children would still be surprised by who was going to be telling their story and appearing on our large interactive whiteboards.



We would absolutely love to have as many story tellers as possible and you are very welcome to read or tell more than one story. If you or anyone in your family, would like to be a part of this project, (and we would so love you to be) please email the school email address ([woodthorneprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:woodthorneprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk)) with the subject 'FAO Reception/Nursery Team'. Please include your name, contact number, how you would like to 'appear' to the children (video recorded or live) and when you would be available and we will contact you to make plans.

Thank you so much for your continued support – we can't wait to share a story or two with you.

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Thank you, as always for your support.

Mrs Hodgkiss & The Early Years Team