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Reading Challenge - Share a Million Stories

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is a reminder about the challenge that both Deepcar St John Juniors and Royd are taking part in up to for World Book Day.

As part of World Book Day we are encouraging all children to join in with the 'share a million stories' challenge. This starts tomorrow, Thursday the 27th February, until Sunday 29th March. Children will have an individual reading record that will remain in school. This record is in addition to the current reading records used in each school. Every time they share a story with an adult or read for 10 minutes or more, children can colour or tick a stripe on their sheet. They can do this each morning when they arrive at school.

Can I please encourage all parent/carers to join in with this challenge and support their child in completing this each day. Thank you.

Reading is the biggest indicator to a child succeeding in the future. Did you know that the number of parents sharing stories with their children is in steep decline?

- ☐ Only 56% of 3-4 year olds are read to daily or nearly every day (69% in 2013)
- ☐ Fewer than 19% of 8-10 year olds are read to daily or nearly every day (down from 25%)
- ☐ Only 29% of 0-13 year olds read for pleasure daily. Again, this has declined over time.

Let us work together to change these statistics.

The theme for World Book Day, Thursday 5th March is 'Literary Heroes'. Children can come dressed up as a character from the following:

- A character from a well-loved fictional book
- A hero from an autobiography or non-fiction book e.g. Tim Peake
- An author who has particularly inspired them

Yours sincerely,



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