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Dear parents and carers,

This week in school we are celebrating National Story Telling Week. Storytelling is one of the oldest traditions in the world and is at the root of every art form. We regularly think in story form and make sense of our world in narrative – from something we've seen, through last night's television, to what family and folk stories we remember and retell. Performance storytelling can be a powerful experience, both entertaining and moving. Story telling is also the traditional medium of communication from generation to generation, a tool for education and therapy.

One of our key priorities in school is to raise the profile of reading in all year groups, and this has already started with the introduction of the reading café. Throughout the week, we will be sharing stories with the children and having guest readers in classes. The staff have been hard at work over the weekend, recording some of their favourite stories in unusual or quirky places; videos of which will be shared with you and your children throughout the week. How many of the settings will you recognise?

While this is an in-school venture, if you would like to get involved at home you can do so by sharing a story with your child and recording it in their reading record book, recording your own retelling of a story or introducing your child to a book you read at their age. The more we talk about books and show children our love of reading, the more likely they are to read for themselves.

While this is a simple step to further develop 4565reading in school, we do have plans to raise the profile even further; details of which will follow.

I hope you find the time to enjoy a book for yourself or with your child this week, and every week moving forward.

Thank you for your support,

Dionne Dunn  
Acting Head Teacher