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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted to share more information about the Government's new national initiative to support every child in becoming a confident, fluent reader. The programme, known as **GO ALL IN**, encourages children and adults alike to immerse themselves in reading and discover how it can enrich the things they already love.

This forms part of the **National Year of Reading 2026**, the biggest reading campaign in a generation. Its purpose is to help more people (re)discover the joy of reading and make it a natural part of everyday life. Reading expands our world and sharpens our minds, yet fewer people are making time to read. Led by the Department for Education in collaboration with the National Literacy Trust, the campaign aims to tackle the decline in reading enjoyment across the UK and reconnect people of all ages with reading as something relevant, rewarding, and inspiring. The message is simple: whatever your passion — music, football, baking, family time, sci-fi, or anything else — reading can unlock it even further.

At our school, we are excited to celebrate this national effort throughout the year with a wide range of activities designed to spark curiosity and nurture a love of books. These will include:

- **World Book Day celebrations**, including dressing up and decorating paper plates inspired by favourite stories
- **A Reading Café**, where parents and carers can join us in school to enjoy books together
- **A Scholastic Book Fair**, giving children the chance to explore and purchase new books
- **Visits from authors and poets**, bringing stories and creativity to life
- **Reading challenges and competitions**, encouraging children to explore new genres and read for pleasure
- And **much more** as the year unfolds

To start off our celebrations, we will be marking World Book Day by inviting all children to come dressed as a character from a book. We kindly ask that families do not feel the need to purchase new outfits — homemade costumes are always wonderful, creative, and far better value.



We are also asking every child to decorate a paper plate with either a scene from their favourite book or an illustration of characters from the story. Each child will receive a paper plate before half term so they can begin working on their masterpiece at home.

We believe that reading is most powerful when school and home work together. Even a few minutes of shared reading each day can make a remarkable difference to a child's confidence and progress. As we take part in the National Year of Reading, we warmly welcome any suggestions or offers of support from parents and carers who would like to help promote a love of reading within our school community.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting year filled with stories, imagination, and the joy of reading.

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Literacy Lead

