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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that your child will be taking part in the **Young Readers Programme** this term, funded by the National Literacy Trust. The programme is completely free, with the aim of encouraging our pupils to read for enjoyment. This is important for many reasons and research shows it helps to improve children's learning in school.

For more information visit [Young Readers Programme | National Literacy Trust](#).

Your child will be taking part in the following exciting reading events:

1. **World Book Day**, children to dress up as their favourite book character - **3 March**
2. **TBC** - Summer 1
3. **Virtual Author Visit** - Summer 2 **date tbc**

At the event/s, there will be a range of fun activities as well as support in guiding them to choose a book that they find interesting and is the right level for them. As part of the event they will have the opportunity to choose a free book to take home and keep.

Please help support your child in reading for enjoyment by asking them about their new book and looking at it with them. We have included some top tips on the next page.

We may take photos of your child at these events which may be posted on our website, social media and/or on the National Literacy Trust website or in promotional items. **Please complete the [attached form](#) informing us of which photo permissions you consent to.**

Yours sincerely,

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Top tips to help your child to enjoy reading

- Go to the library – it's free to join! There are books, audio books and magazines for children.
- Make time to read after school or at bedtime. Reading together for 10 minutes makes books special.
- Be positive and praise your child for what they do.
- Follow their interests and let them read and re-read their favourite books.
- If English is not your first language, you can talk about picture books in any language or ask your library for dual language children's books.
- Be a positive influence by reading books, newspapers and magazines of any language.
- Encourage your child to choose their own books, comics and magazines as soon as they can.
- Make a special place to keep your child's books. A book box or bookshelf shows that books are cared for.
- Visit www.wordsforlife.org.uk for tips, book recommendations and free activities.

