

READING NEWSLETTER – BEDTIME STORY MORNING



To celebrate the passion our school has for reading, and to promote reading for pleasure, we are hosting a Bedtime Story Morning. This will be on Friday 10th January. The hall is being transformed into a cosy and dark space, with stars and moonbeams!

Please can pupils come dressed in their pyjamas and bring a book that they would like to talk about in class. They will also be sharing this with a younger pupil when in the Bedtime Story space. It can be a chapter book, a picture book, an information book, or a wordless book. In a nutshell, they can bring any book that they love. Pupils can also bring a torch from home should they wish.



READING FOR PLEASURE

Last year, 42% of children in North Yorkshire left primary school unable to read at the expected level for their age. Whilst researchers suppose reasons as to why this is the case, for example an increase in screen related activities, the remedy is simple.

The BIGGEST influencer in relation to reading ability is **READING FOR PLEASURE** 😊 We need children who love books and reading, who are excited to choose a book, to listen to it being read, or to read it to themselves. A bedtime story is the perfect anchor for this, no matter the age of the child or stage of development. In this way, being read TO, is MORE important than learning to read!!

A bedtime story has the potential to have a lasting effect on lives. It is never too late to start this, or too late to stop. If listening to a reader is fun, special, and consistent- the research shows it increases academic ability and overall lifetime happiness!



COULD YOU HELP SHAPE LIVES?

We are currently looking for volunteers to ‘read aloud’ to our pupils in our book and story areas. This is in no way a lesson or formal teaching! This is simply for fun and for the love of reading. Volunteers would simply invite a child or children to choose a book they would like to listen to, and read it to them. No pressure, no formality, just inspiring children to read. If this is something you are interested in please contact Mrs Wall at g.wall@thirsk-pri.n-yorks.sch.uk or call in and speak to a member of the office team.