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Dear Parents

St Anne's EYFS 1000 Stories Programme

This week we are rolling out the 1000 Stories programme to our children in Nursery & Reception. Research shows that reading stories to children, not only is an important and enjoyable time for you to spend with your child, but also helps their language and Literacy development. It is suggested that if a child has had one book read to them a day, then they will have enjoyed over 1,800 books by their 5th birthday. Think of the language they will have been exposed to! The 1000 stories initiative will help towards this total.

What you will need

- 1000 Stories Book from School
- 1000 Stories Bookmark
- 1000 Stories Collector Card
- A quiet, relaxed and comfortable space

What will happen and What to do

- **Choose a Book** - Your child will choose a book from the 1000 Stories box and bring this home in their reading packet. They will not be able to read it yet. This is for you to share with your child at home.
- **Special Wow Word** - Inside the front cover you will find a special WOW Word your child will have to listen out for. Before reading, please discuss with your child what that word is, what it means and put it into context, so they understand it.
- **Read the Story** – Find a quiet, relaxed and comfortable place. After a bath or before bed is a great time for a book. Make sure televisions and electronic devices are switched off. Read the story to your child. Encourage them to listen out for the special WOW Word.
- **Talk** - Once you have read the book with your child, you might like to encourage them to retell the story or talk about their favourite character or story line etc. Use the laminated 1000 Stories Bookmark which has some useful questions you could ask. This Bookmark is for you to keep at home.
- **Record & Encourage** – Write the special WOW Word on your child's collector card. Encourage your child to use these WOW words and refer to them when the opportunity arises.
- **Return** – Once you have shared the book with your child, put it back in your child's reading packet. The 1000 stories boxes will be out every day. Your child can choose a new book every day if they return the old book.
- **Reward** – When your child has filled the collector card with 30 WOW Words, return the collector card to school and your child will get a certificate. The process then begins again!

Thank you for your support.

Mrs A Turley
Reception Teacher & EYFS Leader