



Dear Parents/Carers

Share A Million Stories – Thursday 27th February – Sunday 29th March

The launch of *Share A Million Stories* takes place on Thursday 27th February. Every time we share a story in class, we will be recording it on the *Share A Million Stories* Weaver School Account set up online. You too can be fully involved by creating a family account and logging each time you share a story with your child/children at home.

This is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy quality time sharing stories and spreading the fun and enjoyment of reading. Reading for pleasure has a very positive impact on educational performance. The UK government's Education Research Standards Team tells us, "*Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment.*"

As a parent this is great news - reading with your child can be a fun and simple way to support their education, whatever their age.

Top tips for reading with your child

- Make reading part of daily life
- Allow your child to read what they enjoy
- Read about interests. **First News** bills itself as a weekly newspaper for young people. Or there's **Whizz Pop Bang**, a magazine for junior scientists. It's worth researching favourite authors: some offer freebies like exclusive stories and sneak previews to online fans. **The Words for Life author interviews** are a good place to begin
- Create a comfy reading area – a cosy spot with good lighting
- Talk about it - treasure conversations about books. It's very satisfying to pass on your childhood favourites: even share your own copies

This is a nationwide project and it would be brilliant if as many families from Weaver as possible could get involved and help to reach the goal of sharing a million stories. Just follow the steps below.

1. Google - Share A Million Stories register
2. Create an account
3. Families and Home Learners
4. Fill in, including an image
5. Submit
6. Start sharing.
7. Let your class teacher know you have created an account by writing a message in your child's reading diary.

You can also follow all the up to date information on Twitter - @WorldBookDayUK

Thank you for your continued support.

Weaver School Council and Mrs Horsley