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Dear Principal,

Many of your Primary 1 children and their parents will have participated in the Big Bedtime Read last year in pre-school as part of Getting Ready to Learn Programme.

The Big Bedtime Read focuses on raising parents' awareness of the importance of reading to children, encouraging them to share a book together every night. It also highlights opportunities throughout the day when parents can engage children in early reading experiences.

Parents can continue to access a wide selection of quality books for reading at bedtime through their local library or mobile library. Children can borrow up to 9 books at a time and they are free!

Please encourage those who are not yet members to join their local library and continue with their Big Bedtime Read! Your local Branch Library Manager would be happy to help organise membership if the Year 1 teacher would like to get in touch.

For further information on Libraries NI please visit www.librariesni.org.uk

Yours Sincerely,

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