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Dear Parent/Carer,

This academic year we are continuing to embed the WORDS Matter campaign across the academy to ensure that the development of literacy skills underpins our curriculum.

WORDS stands for:

- **W**riting
- **O**racy
- **R**eadng
- **D**eveloped responses
- **S**ay it again, better

Teaching staff have created a subject specific Recommended Reading list along with 7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home for parents/carers to encourage the continuation of regular reading over the Christmas holiday. In addition to this, all Year 7 to 9 students have access to MyON which is an online library platform. You can find the Parents' Guide to MyON, the Recommended Reading and Top Tips documents on our website under the curriculum tab. Many of the books on the Recommended Reading list are available in the school library and can be borrowed over the break.

As we are all aware, reading is a life skill that children need to understand the world around them and regular reading routines are very important as they enable children to develop key comprehension, inference and analytical skills needed in all areas of the curriculum and life. Therefore, I would like to thank you for your continued support to ensure your child continues to read regularly over the Christmas holidays.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas.

Kind regards,

Michaela Philpot
Assistant Principal

