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Dear Reception Teacher,

In the coming autumn term **FREE** Booktime book packs will be provided to your school for every reception aged child (4-5 years) to take home and share with parents – fathers and mothers – and carers. Now in its third year, Booktime is funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families and education publishing company Pearson, managed by independent charity Booktrust.

Booktime is all about families reading together for pleasure to help foster a love of books. This year's packs will include:

- *Mr Big* by Ed Vere
- *The Booktime Book of Fantastic First Poems* edited by June Crebbin

Additional provision is available for children with special educational needs. Please see our website for further details and order information.

Schools have told us that Booktime offers a great opportunity to get children, parents and carers involved in reading for pleasure. Most schools have enjoyed sharing the Booktime books in class and many hold special events, like family reading and library joining activities around the time that the book packs are given out.

We are sending you this information early so that you will have some planning time for any linked activities or events that you may wish to hold.

Your school will be provided with **FREE** Booktime resources at the start of the autumn term, including a big book, a CD-ROM and children's rewards, with lots more available via our website. **Schools do not need to register – your local authority and library services will provide the information we need to coordinate delivery of the book packs and resources.**

We will write to your school again prior to delivery of book packs in the autumn term, but in the meantime please visit our website www.booktime.org.uk for any further information or contact us at booktime@booktrust.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

Claire Boulton
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