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'Jolabokafloð'

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from the success of last year's Jolabokafloð event, we would like to hold this again for all pupils at Nightingale Primary School, this year.

This initiative mimics an Icelandic tradition whereby, every Christmas Eve, the Icelandic people practice something called 'Jolabokafloð', which translates to 'Christmas book flood'. Jolabokafloð involves giving books as presents on Christmas Eve so that friends and family can spend a cosy night in, curled up enjoying a good story.

At Nightingale, we strive to continue finding exciting ways to encourage our children to become lifelong readers and, from the feedback given last year, recognise that this will be the perfect way to bring our community together.

We are therefore asking that families donate a book which would be suitable for your own child's age group – e.g. if you have a child in Year 2, the book you donate would be gifted to another Year 2 child. These books can either be new or include second-hand books that are in immaculate condition (as good as new). We ask that books are handed to your child's class teacher no later than Wednesday 1st of December, along with any wrapping paper you can spare. These books will then be wrapped in school and every child will take home their very own gifted book on the last day of term, ready to open on Christmas Eve!

When children return in the New Year, they will be encouraged to discuss the book that they were given, sharing their reading experience and possibly even reading their favourite part out to the class or with a friend.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Lauren Trumble
Deputy Headteacher and English Lead