

## Educational Services

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Dear Parents /Carers.

We are delighted to let you know that for the 2025/26 session we will be reintroducing our **Home Lending Library**. Alongside this, each child will also get the special opportunity to take home **Cuddles the bedtime bear** for a turn.

The idea is simple and fun: as part of your child's evening routine, they can get Cuddles ready for bed. This might include putting on pyjamas, brushing teeth and of course, enjoying a bedtime story together. Each child will bring home a different book along with Cuddles. Once the book is returned to the EYC, it will be added to our Home Lending Library for everyone to share and enjoy. Making time to share a story each day offers a golden opportunity to support your child's development and learning. It also helps foster their love of books, language, and imagination, something we aim to nurture both at home and in the EYC.

We greatly appreciate your support in encouraging these routines and in making this a positive and enjoyable experience for your child. Thank you for working with us to help your little ones grow a lifelong love of stories. We would love for you to share pictures of Cuddles visit to your home via your Child's Learning Journal or by emailing [dailly.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:dailly.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

You will also find our interactive Cuddles Thinglink page by following the QR code below which will link to an array of online reading resources for you and your child. The EYC ladies may have used this page to read some stories too so please take a peek!

With warm regards,

The Early Years Team

