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World Stories FREE ONLINE RESOURCE for children

Dear Parents and Carers,

With all UK children in unprecedented times having to learn from home, our FREE resource World Stories will provide enrichment to their education and allow parents and teachers to easily access literacy resources at home.

Please do share this with as many teachers, staff, parents and children as possible so that they can benefit from our free resource.

KidsOut would like to remind you of their World Stories service which has recently been relaunched and you were previously signed up to. Below is some information which gives you an overview of what World Stories is and why we would like you to be making full use of the service. This is particularly poignant in the current situation with schools closing today.

World Stories is a **free** online interactive resource which hosts a library of over **150** children's stories. All of the stories feature in English as well as over **30** additional languages, such as Gujarati, Hindi and Polish. It is completely free to access to everyone, at home and in the classroom, and you can read stories on desktops, tablets and mobiles. This is particularly targeted at children whose second language is English as it allows them to read stories in their own language, improving their literacy skills, as well as read stories in English, improving their

language skills. However, its use is not limited to only EAL children. Many of the stories are folktales from around the world, encouraging all children to learn about cultural diversity and other's experiences.

KidsOut would be more than happy to provide further information about World Stories and how to fully engage with the website. If you would like any more information, then please do not hesitate to contact KidsOut at abby.wagge@kidsout.org.uk.

Most importantly World Stories can be found at www.worldstories.org.uk