



### Drawing lessons from the World Read Aloud Day to promote reading in homes.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 South Africa joined forces with 73 other countries around the world to create reading awareness in communities. The World Read Aloud Day (WRAD) creates a platform for teachers and parents to read stories to young people. It also affords learners the opportunity to read stories among themselves and explain their meaning. Since learners are not at school, the National Reading Coalition (NRC) celebrated the WRAD by sharing Foundation Phase stories written by its staff through WhatsApp and YouTube. Instead of doing reading at school parents/teachers were afforded the opportunity to conduct read aloud session in homes.

The benefits of doing reading aloud session with children are as follows:

- Create an opportunity for parents to demonstrate a love of reading
- Give parents an opportunity to share stories with their children
- Create a bond between parents and children
- Motivate children to learn to read and to keep them reading.
- Show children how to read for themselves and keep them reading
- Motivate children to enjoy stories that are beyond their reading ability
- Develops learners' vocabulary and language abilities

Teachers and parents can access the audio readings from the following links:

1. <https://youtu.be/AAD8bVCulfa>
2. [https://youtu.be/8d7oiNaT\\_CO](https://youtu.be/8d7oiNaT_CO)
3. <https://youtu.be/SwxiHjXvIFE>
4. <https://youtu.be/YunEk9RT1Mg>
5. [https://youtu.be/dBxc0zUCa\\_w](https://youtu.be/dBxc0zUCa_w)
6. <https://youtu.be/f1Eu-BS53g>