Dear Parent or carer,

The Euro 2016 football tournament and the centenary of the Battle of the Somme will receive a great deal of coverage this summer. Euro 2016 takes place from 10 June to 10 July in France. England, Northern Ireland, Wales and 21 other countries are taking part. The centenary of the beginning of the Battle of the Somme, which also took place in France, is 1 July. It will dominate the news around that time.

The National Literacy Trust and children’s author Tom Palmer have put together three tips on how you can use children’s interest in both these big stories to encourage them to read for enjoyment. We hope you find them useful.

1. Be seen reading about Euro 2016 and the Somme centenary yourself by your children – you are their best and most important role models. Have newspapers in the TV room or at breakfast or even deliver a newspaper to their room in the morning. Point out stories to do with their favourite team, match reports, player profiles and the centenary commemoration.
2. Play Euro 2016 Book Bingo with them during one of the football matches. You can download the game from[www.wordsforlife.org.uk](http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk).
3. Read Tom Palmer’s free online story, *Over the Line 2016,* based in France and responding to the tournament and Somme commemorations as they unfold. Download it daily from 13 June at [www.literacytrust.org.uk/euro-2016/story](http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/euro-2016/story).

We hope these tips are useful. You can find more about family reading from the National Literacy Trust’s parent-facing website [www.wordsforlife.org.uk](http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk).

Happy Reading!