



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS C. E. (FOUNDATION) PRIMARY AND PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Exciting News! 2026 will be the National Year of Reading!

The Secretary of State for Education, Bridget Phillipson, has recently announced that 2026 will be The National Year of Reading. This campaign is to address the steep decline in reading amongst children, young people and adults. With support from The National Literacy Trust, the campaign aims to engage new audiences in reading, encourage reading for pleasure and change the nation's reading culture for good.

We at St Michaels support this initiative as we know that reading for pleasure supports success in school, work and in life, boosts wellbeing, brings people together and increases empathy.

With this in mind, we are encouraging all children in school to take part in the Big Holiday Read challenge. Children will be sent home a sheet containing different reading challenges that they can complete over the summer. When they have completed that challenge, they can colour it in and date it. It would be wonderful if children could return these to school during the first week back in September and share them in class.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Piper

English Leader

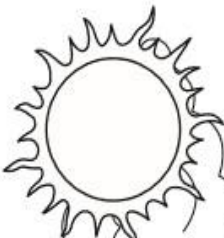
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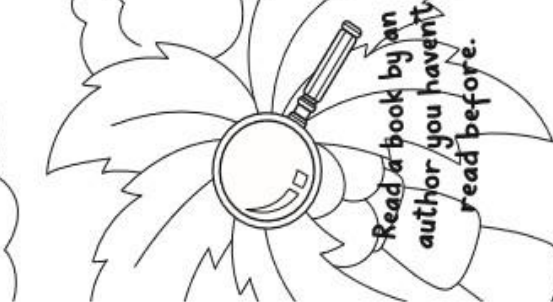


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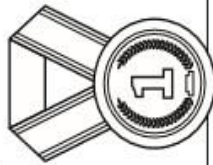
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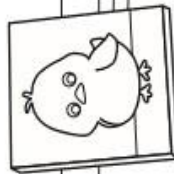
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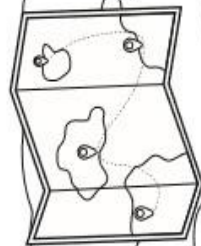
Read a book by an author you haven't read before.



Re-read your favourite book.



Read a book with an animal in it.



Read a book by an author from another country.



Read a book that is older than you.



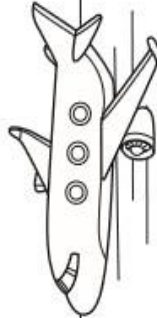
Build a den and read a book inside.



Read a book which has been turned into a film.



Read a book newly published this year.



Read a book which features a mode of transport.



Ask someone you love to recommend a book.



Read a book in your PJs.



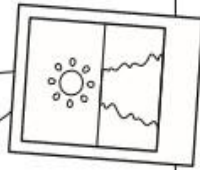
Read a page from a book to an animal.



Read a book which will teach you something new.



Read a book by torchlight in the dark.



Read a picture book.



Read a book with a different setting to where you live.

HOW MANY CHALLENGES CAN YOU DO?