



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **'A Year of Reading'**

This year St Mary's are having a year of reading! Each month has a theme or event that will encourage the children and other members of the school community (including parents!) to engage more with reading and to instill a love of books and the joy that reading can bring. The theme for September was 'What Kind of Reader Are You?' Both staff and pupils have filled in questionnaires to support our understanding of ourselves and our pupils as readers to best engage with their needs.

October's theme is 'Recommended Reads'. Staff have been busy creating their own recommended reading lists that will be shared on Dojo throughout the month and children will have opportunities to recommend books both to their classes and to the wider school community.

More information will be provided in coming months about each theme and how you as a parent may get involved. For now, here are the themes to come....

November – 'Nine in November' A reading challenge for teachers.

December – 'Cosy Reading'

January – 'Reading Communities'

February – 'Bookopoly' A reading challenge for children.

March – 'Reading Rivers'

April – 'Read! Anytime Anywhere'

May – 'And The Winner Is'

June – 'Reader Identity'

July – 'Reading Timelines'

August – 'Summer Reading Challenge'

Please enjoy the recommendations on Dojo throughout October. Many staff have taken part and they have shared recommendations for both children and adults. Do comment under the posts about any books you spot in the photos that you have enjoyed as well!

Yours sincerely

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