



Over the summer, you will be taking part in the St Andrew the Apostle Summer Reading Challenge.

The English teachers at St Andrew the Apostle want you to love reading as much as we do! Over the coming months between now and September, we want you to read at least 4-5 books of your choice. Here is a link to a list of recommended books suitable for Year 7 but you may choose something that is not on this list:

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-7-pupils-ks2-age-11-12/>

<https://www.thenational.academy/library>

Do also see our KS3 Reading lists.

Here's what you have to do:

1. Choose a book that looks interesting to you. Look at the Summer Reading Challenge resources on the school website for suggested reading material to suit all ages and all interests in addition to the links above.
2. Complete the book review/post card attached (attached) in as much detail and colour as possible- remember the best ones will **win a prize!**
3. **Remember to bring it** on your first day back to school.

When you have read your book, we would like you to write a postcard to your new English teacher; in this postcard, please answer the following questions:

1. What do you think is the main idea that the writer is trying to get across in your chosen book?
2. Why do you think this idea is important to the writer? You can begin your postcard with:

Dear English Teacher.

On the front side, you could either draw a picture; insert a photo of the front cover; or take a selfie with your book.

Please send in your completed postcard where we will choose the best 5 and award those students

with a prize. Everybody will also win points for sending back a completed postcard. Here is a template of the writing side of a postcard that you could use, if you like:

This means that over the coming weeks and summer holidays you will read at least four books and complete a detailed book review, which will be judged by the English department when you return to school in September and 3 winners picked who will be given prizes and certificates.

Try and read **as many enjoyable books as you can** over the summer to help you **progress** in school. You may read books that you have at home or have borrowed from the local library.

Another chance to win!

If you enjoy writing **stories** and **poems**, here's your chance! We are giving away more **prizes** to the best **short story and poem**, which could be based on the topic of your book or a topic of your choice.

Live a million different lives this summer and get reading!

Ever to Excel

Here is a model piece of writing to show you what we're looking for. You do not have to set it out like this, but do so if it helps you.

Appropriate salutation (greeting)

Friendly opener, directed at your reader

Dear English Teacher,

I hope you have had a good summer; did you do anything exciting?

Naming the book

I chose to read *Private Peaceful* by Michael Morpurgo this summer. In my opinion, the main idea of this book is that it's important to stand up for what is right. Morpurgo might have wanted to show the reader how difficult life was for a soldier in World War 1: they were expected to obey authority and would have been severely punished—possibly even executed—for disobedience. I think he could be trying to make the reader feel angry at how unfair it was that soldiers should be punished when they were simply doing the right thing.

Stating the main idea (personal opinion)

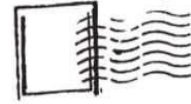
Why this idea is important (using tentative language, e.g. might, could)

Recommendation to the reader

If you haven't read this book already, I'd really recommend it!

Friendly sign off

See you in September!
Tom Greenwood



TO:

My English Teacher

St Andrew the Apostle

School

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TO:

