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Dear Parents/Carers,

Developing a culture of reading is a key priority at Middlefield Primary Academy. We want our children to live and breathe books, adore finding new authors and losing themselves in a good book. We know that reading is key to life-long success for all our children. With this in mind, and to support parents in promoting a love of reading, we are launching a school wide challenge for all pupils entitled.

The Middlefield 100 Books Challenge

This challenge consists of 3 lists: Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4, Year 5 and 6. Within these lists are book titles which support and extend reading taught in school and promote a love of reading through favourite and well known books for children.

We will be encouraging all children in school to read and share as many books as possible at home and in their own time and we will also be reading some of them in class. This is **in addition** to the reading children are expected to do at home already and we still expect all children to read their coloured book band book or AR book 5 times a week.

As you may be aware, we have purchased all of the 300 books, along with new storage to store them, with the generous donations from our PTA within school.

There will be a system for borrowing the books and they will be signed in and out by members of staff. As I am sure you appreciate these books are very precious and we want the children to feel a sense of ownership towards them. Attached to the bottom of this letter is a form for you to sign to join the 100 book club with your child. Please read the form carefully, sign and return to your child's class teacher. Children will only be allowed to borrow books from the 100 books once you have returned your form. Once we have the form your child will be sent home with their 100 Books Challenge sheet.

Children will be able to borrow one book at a time and as soon as the book has been read, it can come back into school and be exchanged for another exciting book. Borrowing books from the St Neots library or read copies of the books you have at home will still count towards the 100 book challenge.

We do not expect children to read all of the books by themselves but would encourage parents to read them as 'bedtime stories' and as books to share as a family when reading together. This type of reading would still count as part of the reading challenge. Even those children who can read the books independently would benefit from reading with an adult and talking about the books they have read.

If a child manages to complete 100 titles from the list before they leave a key stage, they will receive a special award from the school, as well as having significantly improved their reading and overall academic performance.

We hope that you enjoy reading the books with your child. The lists themselves include classic and modern titles, as well as books from prize winning authors. Within the lists, we hope you will discover some old favourites and some new titles to enjoy. But most importantly we hope you find some books that your child loves and which motivate them to read independently for pleasure.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Debbie Chudasama
Head of School

Please sign the form below and return to your child's class teacher.

Name of child:.....Class:

I have read the letter regarding the 100 Book Challenge.

I wish my child to join the 100 Book club.

I agree to ensure that while the book is in my home, and travelling to and from school, it is:

- Handled with care
- Kept in a safe place
- Most importantly, read and enjoyed!

I also agree to return the book on time **and to pay the cost of replacement for any books that are damaged or lost.** (Damage includes drawing/scribbling in books, water damage, rips or cut pages etc)

Parent/Guardians name:

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