



# Ferndown First School - Reading Challenges



**Cross them off as you complete them!**

<p><b>Perfect Pairs</b> Find 2 books which have...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A happy ending</li><li>• A bad character</li><li>• An animal character</li><li>• Amazing illustrations</li><li>• The same author</li></ul> <p>Which of the pairs do you like best?</p>	<p><b>Comic Strip</b> Draw a comic strip of a favourite story using drawings and speech bubbles. Don't forget to make it colourful!</p>	<p><b>Wrap it up</b> Design wrapping paper for a favourite book using plain paper and pens. Draw pictures and write clues. Wrap the book up and give to a family member to open. Can they guess what the book is from the clues on the wrapping?</p>	<p><b>Are you sitting comfortably?</b> Use a mobile phone or tablet to film yourself reading a story. Remember to use expression to make it interesting to hear. Show the film to your family at a story time.</p>
<p><b>Top Trumps</b> Make a set of 10 Top Trumps cards for all your favourite book characters e.g. Elmer, The Gruffalo, Paddington, Harry Potter, Beegu, Traction Man. You could give them scores based on their Brains, Strength, Wit etc. Now play Top Trumps using the cards with someone in your family.</p>	<p><b>Fabulous Front Cover</b> Design, draw or paint an alternative front cover for your favourite book at home. Don't forget to include the author's and illustrator's name.</p>	<p><b>Story map</b> Create a story map using little pictures and arrows to show the events unfolding in one of your favourite stories.</p>	<p><b>Silly Sentences</b> Grown-ups: Choose a book and ask your child to turn to a certain page, a certain line and a certain word e.g. page 8, 2<sup>nd</sup> line, 3<sup>rd</sup> word. Write down the word. Repeat 10 times. Now challenge your child to make up silly sentences using those words.</p>
<p><b>Longest Word Game</b> With a partner, choose a book each. In 1 minute who can find the longest word in their book? Check by counting the letters. Player with the longest word scores a point. Repeat with a different book each. The first player to reach 10 points is the winner.</p>	<p><b>Extreme Reading</b> Find 5 unusual places to read around your house. Spend 5 minutes reading in each. How about...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the bath?</li><li>• In a den?</li><li>• Under the table?</li></ul>	<p><b>Lights, Camera, Action</b> Act out a favourite story using stick puppets which you can make using yourself as the characters. Film the acted out story and watch with your family (with popcorn!)</p>	<p><b>Muddle up</b> Write a sentence from a book on paper or card (one word on each piece of paper). Lay the words out in a row but muddled up. Ask a member of your family to put them in the correct order. Check they are correct using the book. Repeat for different sentences and different books.</p>
<p><b>Illustrate</b> Ask a grown-up to choose a page from a story you like and to cover up the illustration. Create your own illustration for that page (make it colourful!) then compare it to the one from the book.</p>	<p><b>Be an Author</b> Choose your favourite book character and write a new story with them in. Set your story in...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Space</li><li>• A jungle</li><li>• A school</li></ul>	<p><b>Read-a-thon</b> Ask a grown-up to set a timer (e.g. an oven timer) for 30 minutes. Read quietly to yourself in a cosy, comfy place until the timer goes off.</p>	<p><b>Fact Finder</b> Find an information book (non-fiction book). Write down 10 facts from the book and create a poster to show what you have found out. (If you don't have a non-fiction book at home, look on the E-Library on the Oxford Owl website).</p>