

# WHS READING NEWSLETTER

May 2026 Edition

## NATIONAL Year of Reading

2026 is the National Year of Reading in the UK. The tag line is **'Go All In'**. We encourage you to **'Go All In'** with reading this year. The campaign aims to make daily reading a habit.

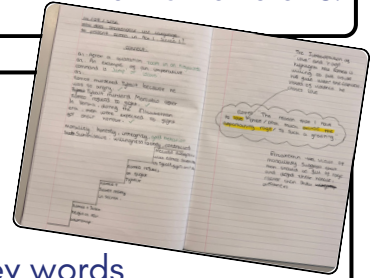
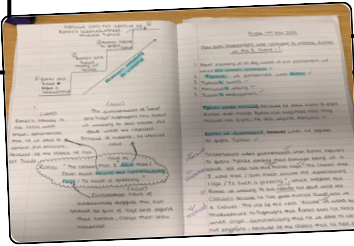


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READING IN English

Learners in English are 'thinking like a literary critic', "zooming in" on key words and analysing texts. Teachers teach vocabulary explicitly and help learners with modelled examples and step-by-step tasks.



## Internet Safety Day Video

Reading scripts for educational videos to raise awareness about staying safe online.

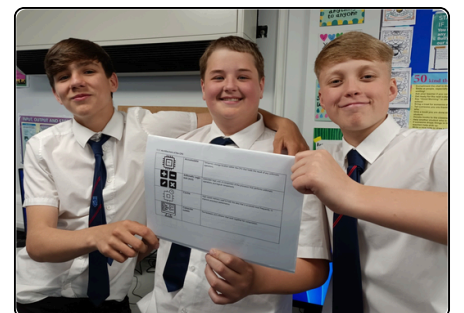


## World Book Day in MFL

Year 7 making posters during home learning based on their reading of *The Hungry Caterpillar*!

## GCSE Computer Science

GCSE Computer Science students have glossaries to support understanding in lessons, home learning and revision. These help clarify key terminology and improve learner confidence when engaging with technical content.



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## BTEC Creative Media Production

Learning about Todorov's Narrative Theory in BTEC

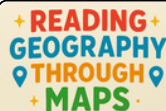
Creative Media Production to help audiences understand the story and see how characters and situations change over time.

The Five Stages of this theory are:

1. Equilibrium - The story begins in a stable, balanced state.
2. Disruption - Something happens to disturb this creating a problem.
3. Recognition - Characters realise something is wrong.
4. Attempt to Repair - The characters try to resolve the issue and restore order.
5. New Equilibrium - A new balance is reached, but things are often different from the start, showing change or growth.



### Reading 1: The Amazon Rainforest



## Read like a Geographer

The Amazon Rainforest is the largest tropical rainforest on Earth. It is found mainly in Brazil but also stretches across several other South American countries. The rainforest is home to millions of plants and animals, many of which cannot be found anywhere else.

The Amazon plays a vital role in our planet's health. It absorbs large amounts of carbon dioxide and produces oxygen, which helps regulate Earth's climate. However, deforestation is a major threat. Trees are being cut down for farming, roads, and mining, which harms wildlife and contributes to climate change.

#### Check Your Understanding

1. Where is the Amazon Rainforest mainly located?
2. Why is the Amazon important to the Earth?
3. What is deforestation, and why is it a problem?

### Reading 2: Life in the Sahara Desert

The Sahara Desert is the largest hot desert in the world, located in North Africa. It is extremely dry, and some areas go years without rain. During the day, temperatures can be very high, but at night, it can become surprisingly cold.

Despite these harsh conditions, people and animals still live there. Many people are nomadic, meaning they move from place to place in search of water and food. Camels are often used because they are well adapted to the desert environment.

#### Check Your Understanding

1. Where is the Sahara Desert?
2. What is unusual about temperatures in the desert?
3. What does "nomadic" mean?

#### Vocabulary Boost

Match the word to its meaning:

Word	Meaning
Climate	a) Moving from place to place
Nomadic	b) The usual weather of a place
Deforestation	c) Cutting down trees

