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'I love reading poems'

Ten-year-old Sunny Pawar shares with Manasi Y Mastakar his favourite books, subjects and more...

This little wonder won everybody's heart with his performance as the young Dev Patel in the critically-acclaimed film, *Lion*. He is currently garnering appreciation for his film *Chippa*, which was screened at the recently concluded Mumbai Film Festival. It will do the rounds of several international film fests before its theatrical release early next year.

Taking time off from his busy schedule, we got Sunny to talk about not films, but books, which he likes, apart from playing!

Ask him what he loves to read and even before you finish the question he jumps in saying, "I love reading poems!"

Apart from poems, he also enjoys story books, which he usually borrows from the school library. About his favourite book he says, "I don't remember the title of the book, but it was about a king and a queen who want their son to go hunting instead of sitting in the palace doing nothing. It was about teaching the son life

lessons."

When did he start enjoying reading books? "When I was Junior KG, our teacher would take us to the library where I picked up a poetry book. Since then, I started looking forward to library trips which would allow me to pick up a new book every time," he adds.

What's he currently reading? "My exams just got over so I didn't get time to read anything other than school books. But, I recently got *Tinkle* comics as a gift, so I might start reading them soon," he says,

adding that English, Mathematics, Science and History are his favourite subjects.

Sunny adds that he likes the story of a small monkey turning into a big one and a bigger one and finally becoming man! (Darwin's theory of evolution, he means).

Given that he is juggling studies and films, when does he get time to read? "The library period in school," he replies. At night, Sunny prefers to unwind by watching TV or enjoying an episode or two of his favourite cartoon, *Chhota Bheem*.

