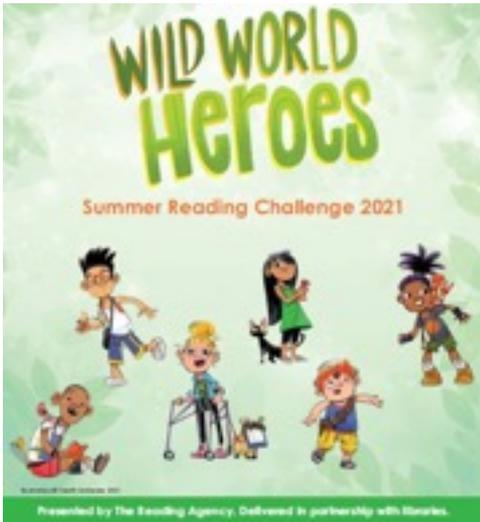


Summer Reading Challenge 2021



Reading for pleasure is vitally important to children's future successes. The Summer Reading Challenge gets three quarters of a million children into libraries to keep up their reading skills and confidence during the holidays. The challenge is presented by The Reading Agency and it encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge.

How the Summer Reading Challenge works

Children can read whatever they like in their chosen format - fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audio books and eBooks can all be used to complete the Challenge.

Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the 6 book Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities.

Throughout the Challenge, library staff and teenage and adult volunteers support children, helping them to explore a wide range of different types of books and enjoy a range of creative activities and events.

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RNIB Library makes a selection of Summer Reading Challenge books available in accessible formats for blind or partially sighted children, and for children with a print disability who cannot read standard print.

How do schools' benefit?

By getting involved in the Summer Reading Challenge, your school can:

- Enhance and support its reading initiatives and involve parents and the wider community
- Celebrate the joy of reading whilst ensuring all children are able to read well by the age of 11
- Continue to support pupils' learning during the holidays
- Help to prevent the trend for children's reading skills to dip over the holidays
- Ensure your pupils return in the autumn term ready for a great start to the new academic year

Participating schools will need to express an interest by Monday 18th January in order that resource starter packs can be ordered in time for summer.

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