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SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

Gadgeteers

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our reading incentive and links with our local library I am pleased to share with you this year's summer reading challenge.

For this year's challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with **Science Museum Group** for a very special science-themed Challenge that will inspire your child to use their imagination and creativity! Science is all around us! What do you love doing? Are you a brilliant baker? Or a mega music fan? Are you the tech wizard amongst your friends? Join the **Gadgeteers** for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation begin the world around us, including some of your favourite things!

Gadgeteers will feature amazing books, awesome rewards and plenty of ideas for cool experiments and activities to discover the science all around us. The Challenge will be brought to life by top children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford.

With exclusive incentives to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the challenge is the perfect summer activity to build your child's skills and confidence during the break. The challenge is available in libraries across the UK. The Challenge runs throughout the **summer holidays** across the UK. The Challenge begins on **Saturday 9th July**.

Please see the attached for extra information.

As we all love to see how your challenge is going, please upload any pictures or videos of your child completing the summer reading challenge to their new classes SeeSaw for their teacher to see how fantastic they are at reading!

Happy reading!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V Wood
Reading Co-Ordinator



Staffordshire County Council





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Where?

The Summer Reading Challenge runs in 95% of UK **public libraries** and online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

When?

The Challenge runs throughout the **summer holidays** across the UK.

The Challenge begins in Scotland and Northern Ireland on **Saturday 25th June**, and in England and Wales on **Saturday 9th July**. Variations apply in some areas, so please check start dates with your local library service.

What are the benefits for your pupils and your school?

The Summer Reading Challenge can:

- Help to prevent the summer reading 'dip' for pupils
- Ensure your pupils are ready for their return to school in the autumn
- Support the transition between year groups and key stages
- Improve language skills, especially for those for whom English is a second language¹

Next steps for teachers

- **In your classroom** Talk to your pupils about the Challenge and help them engage with this year's theme. Let pupils know how they can sign up for the Challenge.
- **Talk to parents** Engage parents around the Challenge through newsletters.
- **Get in touch with your library** Contact your local library service to find out about what they're offering this summer.
- **Get involved in the Challenge yourself!** Read alongside your pupils and colleagues by taking part in the Teachers' Reading Challenge.

See page 3 for more information.

Teachers can take part, too!



Teachers, School Librarians, and other education staff can also take part in their own Reading Challenge over the summer. The Teachers' Reading Challenge will help expand your knowledge of children's books as well as deepening your understanding of reading for pleasure pedagogy. Set your own reading goal, share your reviews with others, access resources and put what you've learnt into practice with your class in the new term. This year's Teachers' Reading Challenge runs from **27th June – 29th October 2022**.

¹ Renaisi (2022), Summer Reading Challenge Cross-Authority Pilot 2021: Evaluation Summary Report, The Reading Agency

The benefits to your pupils



- The Summer Reading Challenge can contribute to the achievement of all your pupils.
- It keeps your pupils reading over the summer, maintaining their reading engagement and confidence ready for their return to school in the autumn.
- It supports the successful transition between year groups and key stages. The Challenge encourages children to become more independent in their reading, boosting their confidence and self-esteem.
- Children who take part in the Challenge are more enthusiastic about reading. The Challenge helps to bring together families and communities.
- An independent evaluation found statistically significant increases in reading frequency, reading enjoyment and reading confidence amongst children who participated in the 2021 Challenge versus those who did not.¹

“ **Before the Summer Reading Challenge I had never stepped into a library. Once I entered the Challenge, once I entered the library I wanted to inspire myself by taking all the books.** ”

- Year 4 participant, Summer Reading Challenge 2021

For children who participated in 2021...²

72%
read more over the
summer holidays

74%
improved their
reading skills



1 Renaisi (2022), Summer Reading Challenge Cross-Authority Pilot 2021: Evaluation Summary Report, The Reading Agency

2 The Reading Agency, Summer Reading Challenge 2021: Annual Report



How can children take part in the Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a flexible programme that is designed for all levels of ability.

At the library

1. A child will visit their local library and sign up to the Challenge for free. They receive their Gadgeteers core pack poster.
2. They set a personal reading goal for the summer (we recommend six books).
3. Borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks of their choice.

They can read anything they like: fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audiobooks...

4. Collect special incentives from the library each time they finish a book.
5. Receive a certificate and/or medal for taking part, or for reaching their Challenge goal.

In addition, libraries offer a wide variety of events and activities for families to enjoy throughout the summer.

Online

Alternatively, children can participate in the Challenge online.

1. Sign up at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
2. Set a personal reading goal for the summer.

Receive book recommendations and tips for accessing books for free at home.

3. Each time they finish a book, the child adds it to their online profile and leaves a review. They unlock digital badges and online rewards along the way.
4. Unlock a certificate for reaching their Challenge goal.

Children can also play games, enter competitions, share book recommendations and more on our free, safe, moderated platform.

The Summer Reading Challenge is **open to all** primary school-aged children.

The 2022 Challenge launches on Saturday 25th June in Scotland and Northern Ireland, and on Saturday 9th July in England and Wales.*

*Regional variations may apply, so check with your local library to find out when Summer Reading Challenge activity will start and end in your local area.