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Summer Reading Challenge 2020

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

“Let's get reading and get happy!”

Jacqueline Wilson, Author

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place over the summer holidays in libraries throughout England, Scotland and Wales.

Developed by charity The Reading Agency, along with the UK public library network, it is now the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for primary aged children.

37,469 children in Wales took part in Space Race, the Summer Reading Challenge 2019

According to the National Literacy Trust Report 2012 only 1 in 4 boys read outside class every day, however in Wales 45% of participants in the Summer Reading Challenge were boys.

This year the Summer Reading Challenge gets silly with the Silly Squad and will feed the imagination, help kids stay kids and embrace the fun just when we need it the most.

We continue to support the Challenge through the Silly Squad website, e-lending platforms and through a click and collect service.

Reading could not be more important to support the health and well being of children and the Summer Reading Challenge is familiarity in a very changed world so we are hoping even more will participate this year.



In order to help parents with supporting their children through the Summer Reading Challenge at home we have created a pack of resources which we hope you will share. In this pack we have included a parent information guide, a hints and tips for reading with or to children, a helpful sheet to help start conversations about books and a “I liked this book” comment sheet.



What are the benefits?

Children who take part in the Summer Reading Challenge:

- Are more enthusiastic about reading
- Maintain their reading confidence level
- Boost their confidence and self-esteem
- Will benefit from a sense of community, connection and familiarity

How your school can benefit:

- The Summer Reading Challenge is intrinsically inclusive and can contribute to the achievement of all your pupils, including those with special educational needs, disadvantaged pupils and the most able
- Enhances and supports your schools reading initiatives and policies and involves parents and the wider community.
- It keeps your pupils reading over the summer and ready for their return to school in the autumn



Promoting the Summer Reading Challenge to your pupils

- Inform parents and support those who might find it harder to take part or engage with hub library services, using your school website, school newsletter or class blog
- Provide parents with the useful hints and tips sheets provided by the library service
- Set participating in the Summer Reading Challenge as a fun homework for the summer
- Choose books from the Silly Squad collection or from our recommended reads list on the Welsh Libraries web page to share with your class
- Celebrate the achievements of pupils who participate in the Challenge when they return to school by inviting your local hub/library staff into assembly to hand out certificates and medals.



Diolch yn fawr / Many thanks,

Welsh Libraries

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