

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



The Summer Reading Challenge is organised by the Reading Agency and specifically aimed at children aged 4 – 11 years. It's a national challenge and the biggest reading event for children in libraries. Every year thousands of families all over the country take part and the aim of the challenge is to encourage children to continue their reading throughout the summer by getting them to read any six books of their choice from their library during the holidays.

Each year there's a different theme and this year it will be about 'Mischief Makers' and I'm sure parents will be as excited as the children because this theme has been inspired by a much-loved iconic children's title 'The Beano.'

The challenge is completely free! All your child needs is a library card... so if they're not a member join them up so they can start the challenge on **Saturday 14th July**. At this point you can sign them up to start the challenge which continues right through the holidays so there's plenty of time to complete it.

There are little rewards along the way to keep the children motivated and once all six books have been read your child will receive a medal and be presented with a certificate during their school assembly at the end of September.

This really is an incredible way to help children with their literacy and we're also very lucky to have older children volunteer to help during their holidays, so if you have a 14 year old who would like to volunteer with the Challenge please contact your local library for more details.