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Summer Reading Challenge 2020

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

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.

1161 children in **Pembrokeshire** 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 **Pembrokeshire 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. 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.

Taking Part

Online Access

summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

This year the Summer Reading Challenge will be slightly different. There will be an emphasis on a new bilingual website developed by the Reading Agency. This includes a safe sign-up process, a personal profile area where children can set reading goals, review books and view book recommendations. There will also be a forum to chat to friends, play games, download and print activities, as well as family activities with rewards and unlockable content to keep children and families engaged throughout the summer months.

Library Access

www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-and-guidance/libraries-re-opening

Children can borrow books from Fishguard, Haverfordwest, Milford Haven, Pembroke Dock and Tenby libraries via an Order & Collect service. Orders are taken over the phone or from an online form. The books are selected by library staff for collection at an agreed date and time. Anyone borrowing books will also be given a Silly Squad pack of goodies, including a poster, stickers, a pencil, certificate and medal.

Free e-books are also available to borrow from:

www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/using-library-services/24-7-e-library



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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.
- It allows children to become more independent in their reading and reading choices.
- It supports the successful transition between year groups and key stages.



Promoting the Summer Reading Challenge to your pupils

- Inform parents and support those who might find it harder to take part or engage with library services, using your school website, school newsletter or class blog.
- Set participating in the Summer Reading Challenge as a fun homework for the summer.

Further information

- Information and assets for teachers can be found in the Teachers' Toolkit saved in the Dropbox: www.dropbox.com/sh/oq1lmtu50abqcb1/AABtDxQOWclkaSZKY0oRVy8la?dl=0
- You can also visit the School Zone on the Summer Reading Challenge website.



Diolch yn fawr / Many thanks,

Pembrokeshire Libraries

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