

Summer Reading Challenge 2021



WILD WORLD HEROES



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Launching 10th July 2021

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.

Available online and through public libraries, the Challenge provides fun reading for pleasure activities for all abilities and helps to prevent the summer reading 'dip' during the long break from school.

Despite reduced services over a 1000 children in Cardiff took part in Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020

According to the National Literacy Trust Report 2012 only 1 in 4 boys read outside class every day, however in Cardiff 47% of participants in the Summer Reading Challenge were boys.

This year the Summer Reading Challenge goes green, with an emphasis on the environment. The Reading Agency is partnering with WWF for Wild World Heroes, a nature-themed Challenge that will inspire children to engage with environmental issues.

Cardiff Hubs and Libraries will support the Challenge through the Wild World Heroes website, e-lending platforms, click and collect service and appointment only browsing. We will also have a host of fun activities at our branches that will encourage your pupils to participate in the Challenge.

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.



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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

- Invite our Children's and Welsh Librarian, Sioned and your local Hub staff member to your school assembly to talk about the Summer Reading Challenge. They can do this via Microsoft Teams or in person.
- 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 or our parent information sheet.
- Set participating in the Summer Reading Challenge as a fun homework for the summer
- Choose books from the Wild World Heroes collection 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,

It's FUN! It's FREE! It's LOCAL!

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