

Free Summer Reading Fun - The Summer Reading Challenge 2019

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Last year over 699,076 children took part. It's run by a national organisation called 'The Reading Agency'.

The 2019 Summer Reading Challenge theme is **Space Chase**, an out of this world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first Moon landing. Children will sign up on a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens. **Space Chase** will feature artwork from top children's illustrator, **Adam Stower**, and will celebrate adventure, exploration, reading and fun!

How does the Summer Reading Challenge work?

1. Children sign up at their local library and receive a collector folder for **Space Chase** to get them started.
2. Children read six library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting incentives along the way - all FREE!
3. Children can share book recommendations using the Book Sorter by visiting <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>. You can also download the **Space Chase** app for more book related fun.
4. Children who complete the Challenge get a certificate and/or a medal from the public library.

How do children benefit?

- Continues to support pupils' learning during the holidays.
- Help to prevent the trend for children's reading skills to dip over the holidays.
- Ensure children return in the autumn term ready for a great start to the new academic year.

Netherbrook Primary School will celebrate the achievements of all pupils who participate in the Challenge. They just need to show their completion certificate to their teacher or our librarian to go into a prize draw in the autumn term.

It's free, local and inclusive

- The Summer Reading Challenge is inclusive of all children and families and all stages of reading development.
- Children read six or more books of their choice: fiction, non-fiction, joke books, picture books; any books they like as long as they are borrowed from the library.
- There is also a mini-challenge for pre-school children so that the whole family can take part.
- Family information leaflets are available in a range of community languages and many items are available in large print.
- Libraries stock accessible texts, audio books, dual - language books, picture books and graphic novels.

Children can chat, get reading recommendations and enter competitions on The Summer Reading Challenge website. Any queries, please drop in and see our school librarian, Mrs Avery or visit your local public library.