



Dear Parents,

The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that pupils develop the habit of reading widely and often for both pleasure and information.

Organised by the charity The Reading Agency (www.readingagency.org.uk) and the UK public library network since 1999, the **Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11.

The Summer Reading Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff and young volunteers support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of different types of books and ways of reading.

How the Challenge works

- Children sign up through their local library from Saturday 5th July and pick up a Summer Reading Challenge booklet
- Children set a reading goal and borrow and read library books of their own choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and extra incentives along the way.
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate which they can share when back at school in September
- The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

How will children at Foxhills Federation benefit?

- The Summer Reading Challenge is intrinsically inclusive and can contribute to the achievement of all pupils including those with special educational needs, disadvantaged pupils and the most able.
- It enhances and supports our school's reading policy and our mission for all children to read more widely and for pleasure.
- It encourages parental engagement and family involvement in reading and helps our pupils make links with the library and the wider community.
- It allows children to become more independent in their reading when choosing books and encourages using imagination and empathy to explore a text beyond the page.
- It takes place at our local library and is a brilliant opportunity for extra-curricular activity
- It keeps our pupils reading over the summer, ready for their return to school in the autumn, and supports the successful transition between year groups and key stages.

Your child has attended an assembly presented by Totton library staff to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge. For more information about Totton library visit:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/library/libraryfinder/totton-library>

You can find additional information and free resources to support children's reading for pleasure in the Summer Reading Challenge School Zone: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src

By championing the Summer Reading Challenge, you will be continuing to support your child's learning during the holidays, ensuring they return ready for a great start to the new academic year.

Thank you for your support!