

Dear Teacher,

Presented by The Reading Agency ([www.readingagency.org.uk](http://www.readingagency.org.uk)) and delivered in partnership with libraries since 1999, the **Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. Last year, in Nottinghamshire, 7,430 children took part.

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 their local library and receive a Gadgeteers collector poster.
- Children borrow and read at least six library books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers to complete their poster plus extra incentives along the way
- Library staff and volunteers are on hand to talk to children about the books they have read.
- Children who complete the Summer Reading Challenge are presented with a certificate and a medal.
- The official Challenge website hosts digital rewards, author videos, games and more for children to enjoy all summer: [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

### How do schools benefit?

- The Summer Reading Challenge is intrinsically inclusive and can contribute to the achievement of **all** pupils.
- It enhances and supports the mission for all children to read more widely and for pleasure.
- It prevents the tendency for children's reading to dip over the holidays
- It encourages parental engagement and family involvement in reading.
- It allows children to become more independent in their reading and encourages using imagination and empathy to explore a text beyond the page.
- It takes place at your local library and is a brilliant opportunity for extra-curricular activity
- It keeps your 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.

I'd be grateful if you would be able to promote the Summer Reading Challenge to your pupils. To assist, there are resources available on the Inspire website. These include; a poster, suggested text for newsletters/websites, web graphics and a video introduction to the challenge, suitable for showing in the classroom and for sending home to parents.

We are also hosting two virtual online assemblies in the run up to the launch of the challenge. Details for this and all the resources are available at [www.inspireculture.org.uk/gadgetresources](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/gadgetresources)

Yours faithfully



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