



Dear Literacy Coordinator,

Organised by charity The Reading Agency 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. Last year, in Wokingham Borough Council, 1139 children took part.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn. Children set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. Children can sign up at their local library, and it's FREE to take part.

This year's Challenge, Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors, will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children from 4-11 years old. It supports this age group and their families by:

- Preparing children to get back to the classroom in the autumn.
- Supporting the move into a new year group or key stage.
- Boosting children's confidence and self-esteem by supporting independent reading.
- Providing free access to books and fun family activities during the summer.

Book an assembly visit during the summer term to promote the Summer Reading Challenge. Dates can be selected from Monday 30 June. We will aim to visit as many schools as we can during the summer term. Please provide 3 possible dates in preference order. Dates will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Contact [libraryevents@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:libraryevents@wokingham.gov.uk) for more information.

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

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

Yours sincerely

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