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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following our recent visit from Yeovil Library to our assemblies, we are excited to be working with them to invite your child to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge.**

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

This is a national challenge hosted by the Reading Agency and it is delivered through local libraries – both online and in the actual library. It encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays. Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal, and collect rewards for their reading.

It's **FREE** to take part, and last year 75% of children taking part improved their reading skills over the holidays.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge supports the move into a new year group.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The library provides free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks. Your child can choose anything they like to read!
- Receive a Challenge folder and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

<u>OR</u>

Online. Take part online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

- Sign up on the official Challenge website.
- Set a reading goal and get tips for accessing books for free at home.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

Throughout the **summer holidays.** Check with your local library to find out start & finish dates near you. Unsure where your closest library is? Please use the <u>Library Finder</u> to check.

We shall be celebrating children's reading on our return to school, so please share their reading successes with us and the children can bring in their certificates to Praise Assemblies on the first Friday back in September.

Happy reading!

Yours faithfully,

Miss Feltham
Love of Reading Lead