



Reading Challenge 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been contacted by Ilfracombe Library to share information with you about the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge for 2020. The Reading Challenge is presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England and encourages children aged 4 to 11 to set themselves a reading challenge to help keep up their reading skills over the summer holidays. This year, due to the current situation, it will be taking a different format than previous years.

With the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Challenge will launch as a digital activity to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. It is free to access and it features games, quizzes and downloadable activities for you to enjoy together at home. The Library service has also extended the number of books that are available to borrow via their e-lending platform on the Devon Libraries website. The Challenge itself will run from June to September. You can sign up via the Devon Libraries website or by following the link below.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, celebrates funny books, happiness and laughter and features bespoke artwork from award-winning children's author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson (Amelia Fang; Evil Emperor Penguin; I Don't Want Curly Hair). Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!



From July Ilfracombe Library will also be hosting lots of Silly Squad events and activities on their Facebook pages, so look out for those!

www.facebook.com/ilfracombelibrary and www.facebook.com/devonlibraries

In addition Ilfracombe Library will be offering a goody bag containing a free book as well as other gifts, to all children who complete the challenge.

Reading is hugely important to children's learning in all areas of the Curriculum and reading for pleasure is a great way to relax, so we would like to encourage you all to get involved in this fun challenge. We are aware that not all of our families will be able to access the online materials so the Library are offering to try to provide resources for these families. If you would like a pack so that you can complete the challenge off line please contact school and let us know by 19th June.

Kind Regards,

Claire Grant



