



# Summer Reading Challenge - 2019

*"The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that pupils develop the habit of reading widely and often for both pleasure and information." DfE 2013*

Pupils and their families will have a fantastic reading experience by taking part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge "Space Chase" with Barnsley Libraries! Wonderful books, a Summer Reading Challenge website, supporting activities, incentives and more...

The Summer Reading Challenge, organised by The Reading Agency charity ([www.readingagency.org.uk](http://www.readingagency.org.uk)) since 1999, shows how libraries and schools can work together to prevent the 'summer reading dip' and develop a life-long love of reading.

Space Chase runs in all Barnsley Libraries from **Saturday 13th July to Saturday 7th September** for children age 4 to 11. It's fun and free to join.

## How the Challenge works

- Children sign up at their local library and receive a Space Chase folder.
- Children read six library books of their choice collecting stickers and incentives.
- Library staff are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities.
- Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a certificate and medal.

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed to have maximum child appeal and is highly motivating. It is **not** a competition but a personal challenge within a particular time frame which offers reading inspiration and incentives to encourage children into libraries.

You will find additional resources on the Summer Reading Challenge website: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> - including a wonderfully engaging short trailer suitable for classroom and whole-class assembly use. **This year we also have access to certificates that we can present to the school that has the most participants in the Challenge.**

By promoting this initiative and by encouraging teachers and other staff members to champion the Summer Reading Challenge in your school, you will be continuing to support your pupils' learning during the holidays, ensuring they return in September ready for a great start to the new academic year.

**We look forward to seeing children from your school borrowing books from our libraries this summer!**

For more information, please contact Emma Botham, Librarian for children and young people, on 07827834934.