

How can children take part in the Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge is a flexible programme that is designed for all levels of ability.

At the library

1. A child will visit their local library and sign up to the Challenge for free. They receive their Gadgeteers core pack poster.
2. They set a personal reading goal for the summer (we recommend six books).
3. Borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks of their choice.

They can read anything they like: fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audiobooks...

4. Collect special incentives from the library each time they finish a book.
5. Receive a certificate and/or medal for taking part, or for reaching their Challenge goal.

In addition, libraries offer a wide variety of events and activities for families to enjoy throughout the summer.

Online

Alternatively, children can participate in the Challenge online.

1. Sign up at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
2. Set a personal reading goal for the summer.

Receive book recommendations and tips for accessing books for free at home.

3. Each time they finish a book, the child adds it to their online profile and leaves a review. They unlock digital badges and online rewards along the way.
4. Unlock a certificate for reaching their Challenge goal.

Children can also play games, enter competitions, share book recommendations and more on our free, safe, moderated platform.

The Summer Reading Challenge is **open to all** primary school-aged children.

The 2022 Challenge launches on Saturday 25th June in Scotland and Northern Ireland, and on Saturday 9th July in England and Wales.*

*Regional variations may apply, so check with your local library to find out when Summer Reading Challenge activity will start and end in your local area.

The benefits to your pupils



- The Summer Reading Challenge can contribute to the achievement of all your pupils.
- It keeps your pupils reading over the summer, maintaining their reading engagement and confidence ready for their return to school in the autumn.
- It supports the successful transition between year groups and key stages. The Challenge encourages children to become more independent in their reading, boosting their confidence and self-esteem.
- Children who take part in the Challenge are more enthusiastic about reading. The Challenge helps to bring together families and communities.
- An independent evaluation found statistically significant increases in reading frequency, reading enjoyment and reading confidence amongst children who participated in the 2021 Challenge versus those who did not.¹

“Before the Summer Reading Challenge I had never stepped into a library. Once I entered the Challenge, once I entered the library I wanted to inspire myself by taking all the books.”

- Year 4 participant, Summer Reading Challenge 2021

For children who participated in 2021...²

72%
read more over the
summer holidays

74%
improved their
reading skills



¹ Renaisi (2022), Summer Reading Challenge Cross-Authority Pilot 2021: Evaluation Summary Report, The Reading Agency

² The Reading Agency, Summer Reading Challenge 2021: Annual Report