



## Summer Reading Challenge 2020: Silly Squad

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place over the summer holidays throughout the UK and is the UK's biggest free reading promotion for primary-aged children. The programme reaches over 700,000 children each year, motivating them to keep reading during the summer holidays and helping to maintain reading skills and confidence. This summer we're going to get silly!

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020 will feed the imaginations of the UK and create a greater sense of togetherness through the joy of reading. For 2020 we are delighted to present the 'Silly Squad' – a hilarious cast of characters ready to bring the UK a seriously silly summer.

This year The Reading Agency have decided that due to the circumstances around COVID 19 and with libraries across the country currently closed, that the Challenge will be delivered completely online. As such the start date has also been brought forward and so children can sign up on the website [www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk) any time from now and all through the summer.

Another big difference this year is that children can set their own number of books to read for the challenge. Usually it is 6 books over the summer but we hope that by setting their own challenge, reluctant readers will be more inclined to join in, and those who read avidly can set themselves a challenge of more books.

School staff will be promoting this challenge, both for those in school and those who are learning from home. Your child will be encouraged to share anything they do as part of the challenge and will be rewarded for this with dojos. When we return to school next year, we will also hold a celebratory assembly for all those who have completed the challenge to share their certificates!

The library service will also be offering a series of online events during July and August, so please keep an eye out on our social media pages as details about these are released. There is a dedicated Northamptonshire Summer Reading Challenge Facebook page that will advertise details about all online library events across the county here:

[www.facebook.com/northamptonshiresrc](https://www.facebook.com/northamptonshiresrc)

Please see the attached leaflet for further information about the Summer Reading Challenge and contact your child's teacher or home learning team if you have any questions.

Happy reading everyone! ☺

Mrs Colledge