

Dear Parents,

**The Summer Reading Challenge** is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for children aged 4 to 11. This year, the challenge is called '*Ready, Set, Read!*' and runs from Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

## **How the Challenge works**

Children sign up at their local library and borrow and read 6 library books (or more if they wish) of their choice. On completion, they are presented with a certificate and a medal.

The Summer Reading Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities during the summer holidays. Throughout the Challenge, library staff support the children, helping them to discover new authors and illustrators and to explore a wide range of books and ways of reading.

## What are the benefits for children?

The Summer Reading Challenge can:

- Help to prevent the summer reading 'dip' for pupils
- Ensure your pupils are ready for their return to school in the autumn
- Support the transition between year groups and key stages

For children taking part in 2022\*:

- 77% read more over the summer holidays
- 75% improved their reading skills
- 71% felt more confident about their reading

## **Promotion**

You can find additional information and free resources to support children's reading for pleasure in the Summer Reading Challenge School Zone:

www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src

By championing the Summer Reading Challenge here at Malvern, we continue to support children's learning during the holidays, ensuring they return ready for a great start to the new academic year.

Thank you for your support.

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It's FUN! It's FREE! It's LOCAL!

<sup>\*</sup> The Reading Agency (2022) Summer Reading Challenge 2022: Annual Report