



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read six books or more during the summer holiday.

This annual event organised by the readingagency.org.uk/schools will be accessed as a digital format over the summer caused by the disruption caused by Covid—19 and as usual will help keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home. The challenge website www.sillysquad.org.uk is free to access and a place for children to rate and review the books they read and work towards their reading goal. 'Silly Squad' - the theme for this years Summer Reading Challenge is a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter.

It features video content, games, quizzes and digital downloadable activities.

Northumberland Libraries are joining the Reading Agency in celebrating the digital start of the challenge and will be launching the challenge locally on Saturday 11th July with a virtual workshop and performance with Circurama and on Monday 13th July, author and illustrator Liz Million will be doing a special drawing workshop and live question and answer session. Visit Northumberland Libraries website www.mylibrary.co.uk and social media pages.

The summer reading challenge this year will run from June to the end of September. You can join by going on the www.sillysquad.org.uk website and create your own log in where you can add books you have read from home or access ebooks/books borrowed virtually from Northumberland Libraries www.mylibrary.co.uk. You can track how many books you have read and then download a certificate to when you have completed the challenge. Please bring this into school and you can come along to our Summer Reading Challenge Picnic to celebrate your achievement in school!

Happy Reading!

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English Coordinator**

