



Join this year's Summer Reading Challenge at your local library

This year we're delighted to announce that The Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge theme is Animal Agents. It will begin in libraries on Saturday 15th July and end on Saturday 9th September.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is vital for children's life chances, and that children who use libraries are twice as likely to be above average readers. The Summer Reading Challenge builds confidence and independent reading, while preventing the dip in children's literacy levels during the long break from school. It encourages them to develop the habit of reading for pleasure, one of the aims of the National Curriculum for English.

Encourage your children to have fun with reading this summer by taking part in the annual Summer Reading Challenge at any East Sussex county public library.

The Challenge is to read six books during the summer that have been borrowed from the library and are appropriate for each child's reading ability. The Challenge is aimed at children in the four to eleven age group. If your child is not reading on his/her own yet they can still take part by sharing their books with you or by using audio books.

To take part in this national scheme, children need to have their own library card. It is easy and free to become a member of the library. Take something with your name, address and signature on it (a driving licence is ideal as it has all of these) to the library and you can join the whole family.

Children signing up for the Challenge get an animal Agents sticker. Children will be able to collect a prize for each of the six books they have read. When they finish the Challenge they will get a certificate which they can receive in school or at the library.

You can find out more about the challenge at: <http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or by asking in the library or visiting www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries