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Summer Reading Challenge 2020

**SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE**

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to let you know about a fantastic opportunity that will help your child/ren get reading this summer. The all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge, with its Silly Squad theme, has launched earlier than usual to keep children reading over the summer and to support parents and carers with children already at home.

Due to the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge is being delivered **online**. The challenge is running from June to September, offering children and families the chance to take part online and receive rewards for their reading. Although libraries remain closed, they will continue to support the challenge through virtual services and e-lending platforms.

It's easy to take part. First, help your child sign up to the easy-to-use website at sillysquad.org.uk. Your child can then set their own goal to read any amount of books during the challenge, and they are encouraged to read anything that makes them happy - whether it be comics, joke books, poetry, fiction or non-fiction. Books can be in digital or print format; from e-book lending through the public library service or from the collection you already have at home. Each time your child finishes a book, they add it to their profile and write a review. They are rewarded with activities and incentives along the way, such as online badges, games and videos, and there are also downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep your family engaged. Last but not least, once your child has completed their challenge, they will receive a downloadable certificate to celebrate their achievement.

I hope that as many of our pupils as possible will take on the challenge. When we return in September, please send your child's certificate into school with them (or, if you cannot access a printer, please send an electronic copy of their certificate to the school admin email address.) We will then present the participants with their certificates in a special celebration assembly with the whole school.

Have fun and happy reading!

Miss Jones

English coordinator

