

# Northmead Reading Newsletter

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As a school we have read 83,888,692 words this term. Can we add to this total before the end of term?

For teachers, August is a time of relaxation and reflection. We think about how the past academic year has gone and start planning for the year ahead. For our children it is a time to kick back and forget about school!

Unfortunately, during this summer period, children can suffer what educationalists call the “Summer Dip”, or “Summer Slide”. This is the term we use to describe the dip in educational activity that causes children to “lose” some of what they learned during the school year. Some research suggests children may lose up to two months of reading achievement, during the summer months. This can mean when children begin their new class teachers may need to re-teach what has been lost before moving on to something new.

Obviously, this summer dip is something we all wish to avoid. Researchers have proved that spending just 20 minutes a day reading can boost children’s achievement – and reading just six books over the summer can prevent academic loss.

We do not expect children to be rigorously taught over their holidays. Below are some low key suggestions which will keep reading going and will hopefully go some way towards helping prevent the slide!

- Join a summer reading program at your local library (details below)
- Set aside family reading time when everyone grabs a book and hangs out together reading.
- Put the subtitles on the TV so your children can read along.
- Keep a supply of reading materials around the house. Magazines, comic books, and cookbooks count!
- Set a regular time to visit the library each week.
- Read a book to your child.
- Listen to audio books while travelling.





## The Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer reading Challenge presented by the Reading Agency and delivered by Guildford library, encourages children aged 4-11 to continue reading throughout the summer holidays. The aim of the challenge is to read up to six books, collecting special stickers and rewards along the way.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

The Summer reading challenge will launch on the 9<sup>th</sup> July if you want to make a start before the holidays. We have a librarian visiting from Guildford library on 20<sup>th</sup> July to explain the challenge to the children.



Children will need to be a member of Guildford library to sign up for the challenge. Joining the library does not take long and it is free. You can join online

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/your-library/join-your-library>

If you want a less formal summer challenge, how about trying some of the suggestions below.



# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



CAN YOU COMPLETE THE 16 CHALLENGES IN THE HOLIDAYS?

**Who?**

Read a book to someone younger than you

Read a book by an author you've not read before

Read an author's first book

Read a book by an author from a different country

**What?**

Start a brand new series of books

Read a comic / graphic novel

Read a poetry collection

Read a book that a film/TV show is based on

**When?**

Read a book set in the past

Read a book set in the future

Read a book before bedtime

Read a book when you first wake up

**Where?**

Read a book set in another country

Read a book that is set in a school

Read a book in a reading den

Read a book on a beach

**No Shelf Control**

Not sure which books to read?  
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