



# Read all about it!

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Welcome to our third reading newsletter of 2024. Here at Lower Halstow School, reading has a high priority in our curriculum and we wanted to have a special place to share with you all wonderful reading events happening around the school, many of which we have included within this newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading about some of our reading events from around our school.

Thank you for all your continued support and have a wonderful summer holiday.

Mrs Harris (English Subject Leader)



## Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge is run by Kent Libraries and began on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024** and will run for 9 weeks until **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all Primary Aged School Children (ages 4-11) and is a great way to help your child to continue reading throughout the Summer holidays.

The theme this year is '**Marvellous Makers**', inspiring children to express themselves in creative ways, tap into a world of imagination and storytelling, and of course to read. Across Kent last year, 18,143 participants took part in the Summer Reading Challenge including 2,911 children who joined the library to take part. While it's a fun free activity for children across the county, it plays an important part in overcoming the Summer reading dip and ensuring children are ready for School in September. As in previous years, children can choose to join and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their nearest library or they can take part by visiting the Summer Reading Challenge website (see link below)

**Visiting the library** (please check the start date with your local library as there may be some variations)

- Visit your local library with your child and sign up to the challenge for free. A librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start the challenge.
- Set a personal reading goal for the Summer and read anything you like! (The Reading Agency recommends 6 books)
- Borrow and read books, eBooks and audiobooks of their choice. They can read anything they like: fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, graphic novels, audiobooks...
- Each time your child finishes a book, visit the library. Your child will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books (please check with your local library service which rewards they will be offering)

**Completing the challenge online**

- Sign up at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>
- Set a personal reading goal for the Summer and read anything you like! (The Reading Agency recommends 6 books)
- Each time your child finishes a book, your child adds it to their online profile and leaves a review. They unlock digital badges and online rewards along the way.
- Unlock a certificate for reaching their challenge goal.

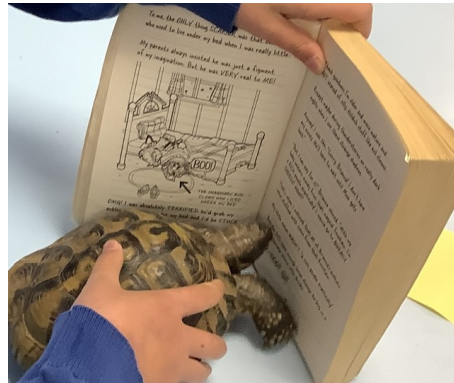
Good luck to anyone taking part. Please let us know in September if your child took part as we would love to hear about all the exciting books they have been reading.

# Reading Around our School



Year 6 and Year 1 have made the most of some of our warmer days this term by taking the opportunity to read outside under the trees. The Year 6 children enjoyed reading stories to the younger children and were excellent at modelling reading with expression. Well done Year 6!

Year 4 were excited on their transition day not only to meet their new teacher but to also be introduced to Miss Holderness' tortoise, Jaws. Some of the children had the opportunity to share a favourite reading book with Jaws.



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## Little Wandle

As a school, we use Little Wandle as our phonics scheme. They have a really useful parents section on their website, which is free to use, and contains lots of helpful videos and information for parents on phonics and reading. The videos include guidance on how we teach blending, tricky words and phase 5. Please use the following website address to find resources to support your child.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>