

11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

Please read the information below regarding this year's Summer Reading Challenge from the Library service. We would recommend that you sign up and take part using the link below. This year it is all online and digital.

## Summer Reading Challenge: We're going digital!

With the disruption caused by COVID-19 and the impact of social distancing on schools and public libraries, we are delivering the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge online so we can ensure we continue to reach as many children and families as possible.

The all-new digital Summer Reading Challenge with its Silly Squad theme will launch earlier than usual to keep children reading over the summer and support parents and carers with children already at home.



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Through the online Summer Reading Challenge, we will...

- Offer something reassuringly familiar – themed activities, space to share recommendations and rewards for keeping up with reading
- Ensure the programme remains free of charge for all
- Create much-needed support for libraries, educators, publishers, authors and parents, all with the same goal: to inspire kids to read for pleasure



## It's so easy to take part

- Children sign up to our easy-to-use website and create their own profile at [sillysquad.org.uk](http://sillysquad.org.uk) from 5th June onwards.
- They set their own challenge to read any amount of books during the Challenge, with children being encouraged to read anything that makes them happy – whether it be comics, joke books, poetry, fiction or non-fiction; in digital or print format; from e-book lending through the public library service or from what they already have at home.
- Each time they finish 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.
- Families are encouraged to join in and 'Get Silly' with downloadable activities, games, quizzes and more. With new content to enjoy each week, the fun will continue throughout the summer to keep families engaged.
- They receive a downloadable certificate once they've completed their challenge!



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We look forward to seeing your certificates once the children have completed the challenge. Please feel free to share photographs through the [sharing@havelockschool.org.uk](mailto:sharing@havelockschool.org.uk) email account.

Kind Regards

The Havelock Schools.