

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



## Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Space Chase is this year's Reading Agency Summer Reading Challenge that simply asks children to read at least 6 library books during the summer holidays.

Children signing up for the challenge at their local library are given a folder and collect stickers as they read which will enable them to help the Rocket family solve a mystery of missing library books. After reading 6 books children are presented with a medal and a certificate of reading achievement (while stocks last!)

[www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) has book recommendations, games and information for parent/carers and schools.

Children can sign up from **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019** and should complete the challenge by **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019**. They can take part at any Milton Keynes Library (remember Westcroft Library is now at its new location) during staffed hours.

Taking part increases children's reading confidence, skill and enjoyment. It motivates them to read, inspires creative responses to books, and helps to minimise the "summer learning dip"

You can find lots of free downloadable resources including promotional videos, advocacy cards and even a presentation if you would like to promote this to a school assembly near the end of term on The Reading Agency's website by following the link below:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/resources/?programme=src&audience=school-teachers>

Below is a summary of The Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge.

#### Who is it for?

- The challenge is for children of all ages and it is free to join. The aim of the challenge is to encourage children to borrow books from the library, enjoy reading, to maintain their reading skill and confidence to avoid the summer reading dip.

#### What do they do?

- They need to read six library books during the school holidays; these can be whatever interests them: stories, information books or even comic books.

#### What do they get?

- Each time they finish a book they collect a sticker.
- Halfway through they will receive a bookmark
- Once they read six books they will receive a certificate and a medal (while stocks last!).

#### Does it cost anything to join the library?

- It's free to join the library and borrow books but a child's parent/carer needs to fill out a form on the child's behalf.
- It is also FREE to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge