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Dear Parents and Carers

Summer Reading Challenge – District Schools Trophy

There are a variety of events on this summer at our local libraries and it would be fantastic if our pupils could carry on reading throughout the summer. We have now had one child, Jaimee in year 6, achieve her 150 Westie Reading Challenge reads! Many children have reached a hundred reads this year already too – so it would be great to keep up their reading enthusiasm throughout the holidays!

The reading challenge this year is called ‘Animal Agents’. This runs from 15 July – 16 September in all Kent’s libraries, and enables children to have fun reading over the summer holidays. They receive a special folder which introduces the mystery and the Animal Agents who are trying to solve it. They collect stickers for reading books, and receive a medal and certificate when they have read 6 books.

This year, there will be the Swale District Schools Trophy. This will be awarded to the school with the highest percentage of pupils participating in the Summer Reading Challenge. It would be amazing if we could win it here at Westlands Primary!

SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY

To celebrate the theme of Animal Agents and to encourage children to participate in the Challenge, there will be lots of activities across Swale district libraries.

Feline facts, cat care and crafts

Go along to Cat Protection’s FREE, interactive talk about how to look after cats and understand their behaviour. Then take part in fun feline-themed craft activities.

The sessions will be at the following times:

Thursday 27th July at 11am to midday at Sittingbourne Library
Thursday 3rd August at 11am to midday at Faversham Library
Tuesday 15th August at 11am to midday at Sheerness Library
No need to book in advance, just show up.

Family Fun Days

Go along to one of the following libraries, where they will be promoting the Summer Reading Challenge with activities for all the family.

Wednesday 2nd August 10am to 1pm at Sittingbourne Library
Crafts, sign up to the Challenge, Sittingbourne Heritage Museum and maybe even a special visit from the Fire Service!

Friday 4th August 10am to 1pm at Sheerness Library
Crafts, Elmley Nature Reserve and sign up to the Challenge.

Tuesday 8th August 1pm to 4pm at Faversham Library
Crafts, sign up to the Challenge and maybe even a special visit from the Fire Service!

ZooLab – animal magic at Sittingbourne Library

Tuesday 1st August 3pm to 4pm

£3 per ticket – booking required.

Join the Summer Reading Challenge fun and meet the team from ZooLab with their amazing creatures!

River's Rodents and Reptiles

Friday 18th August 11am to midday at Faversham Library

Booking required - details coming soon!

Children aged 7 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

We hope that your child takes part in this challenge, or takes the opportunity to take part in one of the many events being held by Swale Libraries this summer. Happy reading!

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Burr
Literacy Leader

