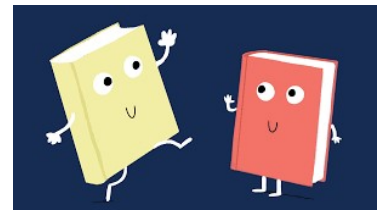




# BOOK CORNER



Welcome to our Book Corner where we'll be sharing everything we love about Reading!

## LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Library Summer Reading Challenge is back for 2023! We look forward to an assembly with the library service later this term but in the meantime, here is some information about this year's challenge:

Children in North Somerset are being invited to get ready, set, and read for this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

Looking for free, fun, summer holiday activities to keep children active and get them ready for a return to school? We're delighted to say that the annual Summer Reading Challenge is back in North Somerset Libraries!

This summer, children aged four to 11 can visit any North Somerset Library to get involved in a sport and play themed Summer Reading Challenge.

Last year:

- 84% of children said the Challenge made them feel happy
- 86% of adults agreed that the Challenge improved their child's reading skills
- 86% of adults agreed that it helped their child's self confidence
- and 77% of children said they learnt a new fact, or found a new favourite story or a new favourite author

It's totally free to take part! Families can sign up in North Somerset Libraries from Saturday 8 July. If they read any 6 books of their choice (of any type including audiobooks, comics, and eBooks), they will collect a special smelly sticker per book; if they complete the challenge by Saturday 9 September, they will receive a certificate, medal and free Rebel Girls book whilst stocks last.

Ready, Set, Read! will help to maintain children's academic achievements over the long holidays, encourage them to keep, and find their favourite sport; we're looking forward to hosting the Challenge in local libraries this summer.

## MONTHLY MUST READS

Each month, we post a selection of 'hot off the press' recommended reads...

These are taken from 'The Reader Teacher' <https://www.thereaderteacher.com/> a fantastic source of reads, reviews and recommendations at KS1 and KS2.

These books are not currently on the 30 Reads list but could be added under the 'your choice' section on the 30 Reads log. These books can also be reserved and borrowed from Nailsea Library ☺

JUNE		
	 <b>Non-fiction book of the month</b>	
<b>Interest age: 8+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 8+</b> <i>A gripping, page-turning mystery adventure from the bestselling author of modern classic The Goldfish Boy</i> <i>When lonely Vincent is forced to go on an outdoor activity weekend with three other kids from his class, he's counting the seconds until he can escape home. But one of his classmates is hiding a secret: she's convinced there's pirate treasure buried deep within a nearby mountain.</i>	<b>Interest age: 7+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 8+</b> <i>Unearth the mysteries of ancient fossils and discover the life and legacy of Mary Anning in this beautifully illustrated, fact-filled book for curious young readers. Mary Anning was a fossil hunter, scouring the cliffs and seashores of Lyme Regis for strange rocks and shells. Monstrous marine reptiles and dinosaurs had once reigned the land and seas here millions of years ago, disappearing only to leave mysterious traces for humans to puzzle over.</i>	<b>Interest age: 7+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 7+</b> <i>Olly Brown is hamster obsessed, but he never gets to take home the Year 6 class hamster. His dad won't allow any pets. But then the most amazing thing happens: a hamster shows up in Olly's house anyway! And it seems smart. Like, really smart. This new hamster, Tibbles, is in awe of Olly, and it turns out Tibbles is one of many: there's a whole civilization of super-advanced, intelligent hamsters who seem to be worshipping Olly ... as a god?</i>
 <b>Fiction book of the month</b>		 <b>Picture book /graphic novel of the month</b>
<b>Interest age: 9+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 10+</b> <i>Devon, 1941. Bonnie wants to help in the war effort like her brother, Ralph, rather than tend the home vegetable patch. So when the mysterious Mr Fisher is billeted at their family home, Bonnie's mission to uncover his secrets begins. Why is he here? Is he a shirker? Or worse ... a German spy?</i>	<b>Interest age: 8+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 8+</b> <i>A new adventure series about the pivotal moments of discovery through the ages, bringing the past to life with a generous helping of fantasy and humour. His selfish, globetrotting parents abandon him for yet another summer in Charles Darwin's strange, museum-like house, where Billy stumbles across a 200-year-old giant talking tortoise named Charles Darwin, by the famous man himself. Charles D, the tortoise, knows every inch of the house and every artefact in it, and he's keen to help Billy realise his powers and set him on the path to adventure.</i>	<b>Interest age: 7+</b> <b>Independent reading age: 8+</b> <i>This is a powerful, hopeful and timely story about the real effects of climate change: two young people on different continents whose lives are changed by global warming. A graphic novel with glorious colour artwork throughout for children of all ages - from Eoin Colfer, previously Irish Children's Laureate, and the team behind Illegal, and his bestselling Artemis Fowl graphic novels.</i>

We'd love to hear from you if you read any of the above! Write or type a book review and hand in to either Mrs Barnard or the school office ☺