

Literacy News June 2017

Summer Reading Challenge

Libraries are great places for children to discover reading for pleasure and there is no better time to do this than during the long summer holidays.

The Summer Reading Challenge is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. It is completely free and last year over three quarters of a million children took part.

Every year the Challenge has a new theme. This year's Summer Reading Challenge is Animal Agents, illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's illustrator Tony Ross. It's a detective agency manned by all kinds of clever animals - furry, scaly and slippery - and these guys are out to crack the case with a little help from their friends.

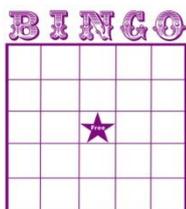


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As children read library books on the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a host of stickers, some with mysterious smells. By collecting the stickers on their collector folder, young readers will help the Animal Agents find out what's really been going on behind the scenes!

Each year a small percentage of children from Mereworth take part, but we would really like the majority of children to keep reading during the holiday. Take a look at the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> or ask at your local Library for further details. Most libraries in England and Wales will start the Challenge on Saturday 15 July 2017.

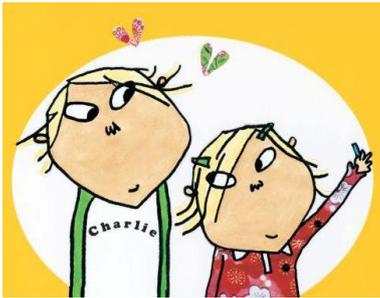
Book Bingo



We now have several children who have achieved a 'full house'. A huge well done to them! Keen readers may wish to take a look on the school website for the Book Bingo titles for their next year group and get a head start.

Other News

The role of Children's Laureate is awarded once every two years to an eminent writer or illustrator of children's books to celebrate outstanding achievement in their field. Lauren



Child, artist and author-illustrator of the Charlie and Lola and Clarice Bean picture books and Ruby Redfort novels, will be the Children's Laureate 2017-19.

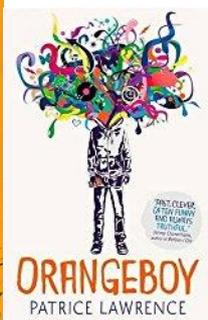
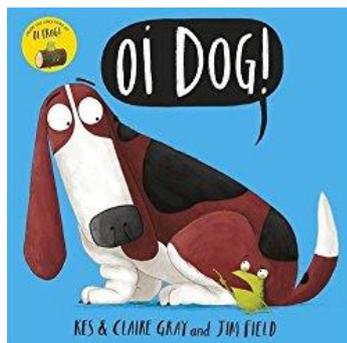
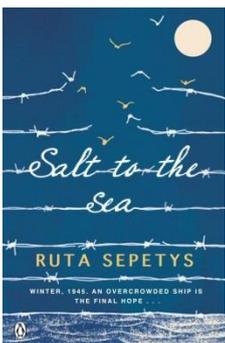
26th June - is the 20th anniversary of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. We're sure there'll be celebrations all over the nation, but why not test your knowledge of one of the biggest ever children's books by taking a quiz?

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/have-some-fun/quizzes/12>

11th August will mark the 120th anniversary of the birth of Enid Blyton, one of the most prolific children's authors ever. Why not revisit the Famous Five, the Secret Seven or the Magic Faraway Tree to celebrate?

Children's Book Awards 2017

The UK has many respected prizes for children's books, including the Carnegie and Greenaway Medals, the Waterstones Children's Book Awards, the Blue Peter Book Awards, the Guardian Children's Book Award and the Costa Children's Book Award (originally the Whitbread Book Awards). Here are some of the winners:



Wishing you all a great Summer of reading,

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