## Simon Balle All-through School

## **Creating Tomorrow's Citizens Today**



Thursday 20th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to invite your children to participate in the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge, a free holiday activity designed to foster a love for reading. This year's theme, "Marvellous Makers," celebrates creativity in various forms, from dance and drawing to music and junk modelling.

The challenge runs from July 6th in England, welcoming children aged 4-11. Participants can read any books they like (really - anything!) and earn rewards for their efforts.

## Why should my child sign up?

- They will be better prepared to return to school in the autumn.
- The Challenge supports the move into a new year group.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's confidence and self-esteem.
- The library provides free access to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.
- Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by <u>The Reading Agency</u> and delivered in partnership with the <u>public library network</u>.

## How can you join?

- 1. **In-Person**: Sign up at your local library to receive a collector folder and earn physical rewards like stickers and medals.
- 2. **Online**: Sign up on the official website to set up a reading profile and earn virtual badges and certificates.

We encourage you to support your child's participation and look forward to seeing their creativity and reading flourish this summer! From stories about young inventors to tales of artistic adventures, there's something for every budding creator. You can find a curated list of these exciting reads on this page of the <a href="Summer Reading Challenge website">Summer Reading Challenge website</a>.

For more information and to sign up, visit <u>Summer Reading Challenge</u> and to make use of the challenge's <u>free activity sheets</u>, <u>author content</u> and other resources please click on the links provided.

Happy Reading from all of us here at Simon Balle All-through School - we look forward to hearing about, and celebrating, what you've achieved in the challenge when we return in September!

Kindest regards,

Miss Mizon