



Summer Reading Challenge and Borrowbox

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Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to let you know about The Summer Reading Challenge. We take part in this event every year and, although circumstances will make this year a little different, the annual Summer Reading Challenge will still go ahead, albeit with a digital twist! Last year, 722,731 children took part in the Space Chase reading challenge. Due to Covid-19 and the ongoing social distancing measures in schools and public libraries, this year the Challenge will be digital! This annual event, aimed at 4-11 year olds, encourages children to read six (or more) books of their choice with collectable incentives and rewards, plus a certificate for every child who completes the Challenge. You can find out more details about this year's 'Silly Squad' challenge and get involved by visiting www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. There is more information in the English Project Folder on the school website.

To help children get free access to reading material and succeed in this year's challenge, Cornwall Library Service have provided each child in the school with an electronic library card number. This will allow them free access to e-books and e-audiobooks through the Borrowbox library app. There are no overdue charges and no loan charges. It is completely free!

The aim is for children to be able to log in and access this material from home in order to help them complete the challenge. If you don't want to take part in the challenge, you can still access the e-books and e-audiobooks using the app. We have generated an individual library card number which allows your child to access these resources.

You will need to:

- Download the Borrowbox app (available for all Android and Apple devices)
- Sign in
- In the Library box select Cornwall Libraries Primary School
- Type your library card number in the Borrower Number box
- **Your PIN is the last 4 digits of your library card number**
- The first time you log in you will need to enter an e-mail address – this is not shared and is only used to let you know when your reservations are available or if a book needs to be renewed.
- If siblings are sharing a device then it is recommended that only one login is used. Borrowbox remembers which page of the book you have reached but if you log out and then back in again, this page number is lost. Each login can borrow up to 10 ebooks and 10 e-audiobooks at a time so there should be enough for two users.
- Books are borrowed for 2 weeks after which they disappear from your device. If you haven't finished, you can renew for up to four more weeks. If you finish your book quickly or decide you don't like it then you can return it early.
- You're all set. Start reading or listening!

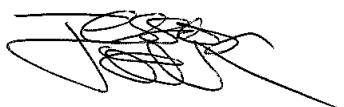
(Just like in a real library, some books will have waiting lists. If a book you want is not available immediately, click Reserve and add yourself to the end of the queue. If waiting lists become too long Cornwall Libraries will look to buy extra copies.) There will always be something available to borrow.

If you wish to upgrade this electronic membership to a full Cornwall Library membership (if you don't already have one) then you can join up for free at your local library when these reopen and have access to the huge range of books, DVDs, and activities that are available.

If your child already has a Cornwall Library Card they can of course use this. However you may prefer to use this new membership number when using Borrowbox as it will only contain children's books.

This is a great way to access lots of books at home and get reading, especially during these strange times when libraries are closed. If you would like to learn more about the Summer Reading Challenge, visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/parents-carers or check out the school website's page under the English Project Folder.

Kind Regards,



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