

## Summer Reading Challenge

“Access to reading materials has been consistently identified as a vital element in enhancing the reading development of children. Of all the activities in which children engage outside of school, time spent actually reading is the best predictor of reading achievement – the more students read, the better readers they become” (Allington, 2006; Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding, 1988).



### Ways to improve children’s reading over the summer holidays

- 1) Ease of access to books.  
Just **improving the access children have to books** improves voluntary reading activity and children’s reading achievement (Lindsay, 2013).
- 2) Children who read **30 minutes daily** during the Summer months have significantly higher reading comprehension gains than those who read less (Phillips & Chin, 2004).
- 3) **The number of books in the home is a significant** predictor of student reading achievement, (Schubert & Becker, 2010).

#### To prevent Summer Reading Loss

- ❖ Improve the access children have to books, particularly for children from homes with few books.
- ❖ Are there books in school that could be given to children who have few or no books at home?
- ❖ Encourage visits to the local library.
- ❖ Encourage children to read over the summer break—Join the Summer Reading Challenge 2017 or follow the Save the Children: Read on Get on campaign.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Free Resources for Schools

Summer Reading Challenge 2017 for pupils aged 4-11

Read 6 books during the summer holiday

[www.readongeton.org.uk](http://www.readongeton.org.uk)

Free resources

Read for 10mins a day

<http://www.literacytrust.org.uk/free-resources>

<https://www.clpe.org.uk/clpe/library/booklists>

<https://www.scholastic.co.uk/piecorbett/resources>

