

Godalming Library

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Reading Agency and Surrey Libraries are excited to bring you this year's **SPACE CHASE, Summer Reading Challenge 2019**. Inspired by the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, Space Chase will take young readers on an out-of-this-world adventure with our super space family, The Rockets.

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays and is a fun reading promotion for children aged 4 – 11. Children's reading progress can slow during the holidays if they don't have regular access to books to read for pleasure. The Summer Reading Challenge really helps with this. There is no other reading activity that involves so many children, introduces families to their local library, encourages children to choose books freely and independently and is endorsed by teachers and the Department for Education. The Summer Reading Challenge runs from **Saturday 13 July until Saturday 14 September**, so there is plenty of time to get involved.

Godalming Library welcome all children to come and take part in the challenge. They can read any type of library books they like, be rewarded with incentives and special stickers along the way and will receive a personalised certificate upon completion – and it's all **FREE!**

In addition to the Challenge, libraries will be running a variety of different craft activities over the holidays, from drop-ins to planned events, so there are lots of things to get involved with this summer. For further details look at the Surrey Libraries website <u>www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries</u>

If you and your children find it difficult to select books to read, why not try looking at the Summer Reading Challenge website <u>www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk</u> where you can find a book sorter to provide suggestions on what to try next. Alternatively why not try an audiobook?

Don't forget that if you are not yet a member it is FREE to join, just pop in with your proof of address and we can join you and your children up. As members you can borrow up to 20 items on each library card and reserving children's books from any Surrey libraries is free on a child's library card. Reservations can be made either online, on our App or in your local library. Ask a library staff member/volunteer for help next time you visit.

Godalming Library look forward to seeing you and your family this summer. '**SPACE CHASE**' is a great theme and we think your children will have a lot of fun completing the challenge!

'SPACE CHASE' – PUTTING THE <u>FUN</u> INTO HOLIDAY READING !!



