Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to inform you that the Summer Reading Challenge will be taking place this year!

Explore York Libraries and Archives and The Reading Agency have teamed up with animal charity, WWF to keep children reading over the summer, while challenging them to help save the planet. By taking part in the Challenge for free in Explore Libraries or online, children will be able to join six fictional characters - 'wild heroes' - and help solve some of the threats to our natural world and restore nature levels in the neighbourhood of 'Wilderville'.

The challenge launches in libraries on Saturday 17th July and runs until Saturday 11th September. Children who prefer to take part in the online challenge will find it at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk as some of the children did for the Mini Winter Reading Challenge in the autumn term.

As well as the challenge to read at least six books, there are some children's activities in libraries and parks and activities online too. These activities are available to book online or in your local library. Information is available on the website www.exploreyork.org.uk.

Explore York Libraries will be presenting the School's Cup to the school that has the largest percentage of children completing the challenge to the number of children in the school. It would be brilliant if you could encourage your child to take part as many children in previous years have told us how much fun the challenge is.

Your child has received a bookmark which has details of the Summer Reading Challenge on the back which we hope will remind them during the holidays to take part. We hope that many of the children will be interested in taking part in the challenge and activities!

Happy reading!

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