



Dear parents and carers,

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting children with reading at home this year. The progress made by pupils – and the growing enjoyment of reading across the school – has been really lovely to see. Children have also enjoyed collecting (and spending!) their Book Shed vouchers. Any unspent vouchers will carry across to the new year so please look in old reading records before you throw them away!

We hope all children will be able to spend time enjoying books over the summer and Book Shed vouchers will be given out on the first day back to anyone passing an AR quiz on a book that they have read over the holidays. We really hope you will support your child in this. **A drop in reading over the summer can put children's reading and confidence in reading back, meaning they fall behind their peers.** Reading regularly is the one thing that research has shown time and time again as being the key to achievement across the curriculum.

Why not take a trip to your local library this summer? The Kent Library Summer Reading Challenge is back again and, this year, they have teamed up with the Science Museum Group to create '**Gadgeteers**', which has a science and innovation theme. Children can sign up and participate now, either by visiting a Kent Library to claim their joining pack, or by visiting [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) to take part online. Lots of children have enjoyed taking part over the last few years and can collect lots of rewards for their efforts. It's fun – and completely free!

Have a fantastic summer and happy reading!

Miss Clark