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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the summer holidays, we will be taking part in the latest Summer Reading Challenge. Due to the 'new normal' that we find ourselves in, the challenge will take place entirely online this year.

Silly Squad is the new online platform where children can chart their progress and track what they've read over the summer. To take part in the challenge, simply create an account with your child at www.silysquad.org.uk. The account is free to create and no payment details are required.

Children can then set their own reading goal and work towards this, logging the books that they have read. There are also games and polls for the children to engage with on a regular basis. Additional characters, avatars and badges are unlocked as the children met their goals.

With lockdown easing, our local libraries have begun a phased reopening, and books are now available to borrow from both Kingswinford and Dudley Library. The latest update from the library service can be found here, <https://www.better.org.uk/library/dudley/dudley/news/library-services-reopening-in-dudley>. Kingswinford Library can also be contacted on 01384 812740, where you can order books to collect without entering the library. There are also websites such as Oxford Owl, which offer free e-books for children to engage with.

In September, please indicate your child's progress with their reading challenge in their planner so that we can celebrate everyone's amazing achievements!

Many thanks,

Mr Wade and Mrs Oliver