



The Winter Mini Challenge

The Winter Mini Challenge, Presented by The Reading Agency and funded by Arts Council England encourages children to keep reading through the winter holidays by rewarding them for reading and reviewing books.

To take part in the Winter Mini Challenge online, children simply read any books (including eBooks and audiobooks) of their choice (we recommend reading at least three), then rate and review them at www.wintermini.org.uk

Books added to the website during the six-week Mini Challenge period will count towards unlocking special rewards including a certificate and a virtual badge. The website will also feature activities, recommendations for great winter reads, and competitions. And, just like the Summer Reading Challenge, the website will also feature the Book Sorter - a unique database which has over 1.3 million peer-to-peer recommendations.

This year the Reading Agency are teaming up with awesome children's publisher **Knights Of** to bring you the *Everyone Is A Hero* reading challenge, where you'll meet characters from *Knights and Bikes*, *High-Rise Mystery*, and the *Run* series.

Over the school holidays children can experience a 'dip' in reading skills and learning, and due to the disruption to education caused by Covid-19, this year is set to have an even greater impact on learning loss. Researchers at the Centre for Research on Education Outcomes estimate primary-aged children have lost an average of 57 to 183 days of learning in reading, making it more important than ever that children are encouraged to keep up reading habits during the holidays.

If children are not members of the Library they can join via telephone 0161 217 6009 or at an open Library. If any parents are not members of the library they can also join online, receive a temporary number via email and start borrowing straight away.

To join the library please visit <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/join-your-local-library>

Challenge dates: Tues 1 December - Friday 15 January

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