

Friends of Milborne Port Library

July 2017



It's that wonderful time of year when Summer really arrives and, with it, the Summer Reading Challenge for children aged 4 to 11.

This year's Challenge runs from Sat 15th July to Sunday 3rd of September.

**The theme is Animal Agents,
featuring the well known illustrator Tony Ross.**

For 2017, there's something peculiar happening at the local library – and that's where the Animal Agents come in! It's a detective agency manned by all kinds of clever animals – furry, scaly and slippery – and these guys are out to crack the case with a little help from their friends.



As children read library books on the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a host of stickers, some with mysterious smells. By collecting the stickers on their collector folder, young readers will help the Animal Agents find out what's really been going on behind the scenes! Animal Agents is a must for all eagle-eyed kids and will test their skills and ingenuity along the way. With the Agents on their side, solving these mysteries comes with a large helping of fun!



During the Challenge there will be all sorts of interesting things going on in the library. And, as ever, the Friends will welcome all those taking part to our Summer Reading Challenge Event to be held in the Primary School at the end of the Challenge (date later).

The Reading Challenge is a national event and is completely free. Last year over three quarters of a million children took part, and



**70 of them came from Milborne Port!
That represented a record for our community.
Let's see if we can beat that!**

While the children prepare to be very busy with the Challenge over the summer months, the **Spanish Conversation Group** are taking a break. This very successful Group have been meeting in the Library for an hour every Wednesday evening, for nearly two years. They are going to take their break from June 28th. Once they start up again on Wed. September 6th they plan to give themselves more time, meeting for an hour and a half, running from 5 – 6.30 pm, but every other week in future.

The Group feel that they could welcome up to 4 more people, and still have a good discussion in which all could take part. We'll remind you of this opportunity in August but, meanwhile, if you want to know more, just put a note, including your contact details, in our Friends Post Box in the Library (on the wall opposite the reception desk).

Finally, by the time you read this, Rick Jones (our Chair and Representative on Friends of Somerset Libraries) will have joined other **FOSL reps in a meeting with Somerset County Council**. We'll let you have any news from that meeting next month.