

Summer Reading Challenge 2022



GADGETEERS

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The Gadgeteers' story

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about science and innovation!

Our six fictional characters, the Gadgeteers, love creating new inventions and working together to solve problems. They spend their days using their curiosity, creativity and innovation to come up with lots of awesome inventions.

The printed core pack poster will show the setting for the Challenge: a community centre where our Gadgeteers are planning an epic summer party!

Children will join the Gadgeteers in understanding the science behind a whole range of interests, including fashion, technology, cooking and music. In doing so, they'll learn about inventions such as holograms, kinetic tiles, and non-Newtonian fluid.

Children taking part in the Challenge using the **printed materials** will be able to explore the fold-out core pack poster and collect transformation stickers to add to the poster. As they read books for the Challenge, their stickers will transform the poster to show how the Gadgeteers are using their skills to come up with amazing inventions for the party. When children complete the Challenge, they will see that the fictional Gadgeteers party has made the local news! (Please note: a separate, detailed core pack guide will be available soon.)

Children taking part in the Challenge **via the Summer Reading Challenge website** will unlock activities and virtual reward badges as they work towards completing their personal reading goal. Children can sign up for a website profile which will allow them to rate and review their Challenge reads, collect rewards, and access fun activity sheets, competitions, polls and videos.





Character guide



Aisha loves **sport**, especially football and skateboarding. Her special skill is **teamwork** – she knows how to get everyone working together to make a difference! Aisha is teaching her friend to skateboard before the party, and is making safety gear out of non-Newtonian fluid. Aisha likes listening to **audiobooks**.

Maggie (Magi in Welsh) likes to **cook** tasty treats for her friends, and she hates wasting food. She wants to turn vegetable scraps into tasty treats for the party! Her special skill is **experimentation** – she always wants to try new things! Maggie wears her sensory headphones when visiting new places or if things get too loud. Maggie loves **fantasy books and sci-fi**.



James (Jâms in Welsh) loves **fashion** and enjoys drawing. His super skill is **imagination** – he's always coming up with new ideas! James is helping people choose clothes for the party. What will his amazing hologram generator pick this time? James' favourite books are **adventure stories**.

Leo (Llew in Welsh) is obsessed with **music!** He's even learning to play the drums with his older sister. His special skill is **communication** – he's great at explaining things to his friends and listening to their ideas. Leo has found a handy way to amplify the sound from his phone to provide music for the party. Leo loves reading **poems**.



Eddie loves to **play games and dance**. Her special skill is **problem solving** – there's no puzzle too big to solve! This comes in handy at the party when Eddie wants to use everyone's cool dance moves to generate energy. What will happen if we put kinetic tiles on the dancefloor? Eddie really enjoys reading about **famous inventors**.

Ajay knows a lot about **gardening and the environment**. He is even growing food for the party, and has created a way to grow vegetables with very little soil! Ajay's super skill is **perseverance** – he never gives up on a project. Ajay loves **comics, manga, and graphic novels**.

