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Dear Parents/Carers,

## BookBench Project & Summer Reading Challenge

Oswald Road is committed to promoting reading and we are proud to be part of the Read Manchester BookBench Project. This summer, book-shaped benches will be displayed in various venues across the city.

Our pupils have designed a fantastic BookBench, which is based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Our BookBench is now on display at The Lowry Outlet at MediaCityUK.

We encourage you to follow the trail with your child over the summer holidays and use it as an opportunity to talk about reading. Children will be able to complete fun activities that link to the themes of some of the benches and lots of the venues will be hosting special events.

Read Manchester is a campaign from Manchester City Council and the National Literacy Trust to promote reading and boost literacy levels throughout the city. To see the full list of benches on display throughout Manchester, please visit [readmanchester.org.uk](http://readmanchester.org.uk)

Many of the BookBenches are displayed at the city's libraries. A visit to one of these is a great opportunity to sign your child up for the Summer Reading Challenge at the same time. Read Manchester's Summer Reading Challenge challenges children to read six books or more from their local library over the summer. This year's theme is Animal Agents.

When you're at the library, ask for your free Summer Reading Challenge pack and as you read your books you'll be able to collect stickers and goodies. Visit the Summer Reading Challenge website at [animal-agents.org.uk](http://animal-agents.org.uk) to find lots of great ideas for things to do and books to read. We've placed some brochures in reception for you to find out more information on the Challenge.

Happy reading!

Kind regards,

Sarah Greenway

Reading Lead



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