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The Week Junior's Summer of Reading challenge starts next week, so why not use that as an excuse to visit a bookshop? As well as the well known bookshop chains like Waterstones and Foyles, there are over 1,000 independent bookshops in the UK. Independent bookshops are not part of big companies, so they all look and feel different. Their shelves are packed to the ceiling with books from thousands of writers and illustrators, all with something exciting, interesting, spooky or intriguing to tell you.

Independent bookshops are owned and run by people who are passionate about reading. They can answer your questions and suggest books and authors you might like. There are likely to be sections for new books as well as shelves for reference books, stories and poetry. Some have a comfy spot where you can sit and have a look at a book before you buy it. Independent Bookshop Week runs from 17 to 24 June, and nearly 700 of the UK's bookshops are taking part. It's an annual celebration of independent booksellers and the important role they play in their local area. During the week many of these shops will be hosting book festivals, appearances by authors and some special book releases.

Finding a good read is like searching for treasure.

Look out for information about the Summer of Reading in next week's issue of The Week Junior, including our list of 50 books to inspire your next reading adventure. You'll also find out how to enter our challenge for a chance to win a National Book Tokens Bookily card loaded with £10 per month for six months to spend in a bookshop. You can find out more about Bookily at nationalbooktokens.com

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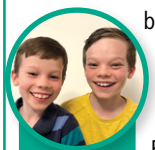

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