

Wednesday 19th July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the summer holidays, I hope you are all able to take some time to rest and spend time as a family. While the holidays are a time to step away from formal learning, we know that learning for young children never stops. Please take a look at some of the rich and engaging informal learning opportunities for the holiday period and see what might engage and support your child.

We do ask that you support your child to **read every day**. This is vital for their continued confidence and progress as a reader. Reading to your child is also a valuable way to develop their vocabulary and love of reading. Your child has been introduced to the local library *Summer Reading Challenge: 6 books in 6 weeks*. Find out more here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>. On the second page of this letter, I have shared an online platform for reading: Curriculum Visions which is great for reading and developing knowledge of the world.

Please do also ensure your child takes a break from screens to read real books. This is important for their mental health and wellbeing. Their safety online is also paramount. Please take a moment to read this information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> Please also see this guide for support with limiting screen time https://inege.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Screen_Time_Pack.pdf

Learning opportunities: a chance to consolidate learning from this year and stay curious and inspired

- Visit Oak National Academy's website: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>
- Use the White Rose parent workbooks for practising key maths skills (details one second page): <https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>
- Review the spellings shared in your child's school report, reading for a September quiz. Use *look, cover, write, check* to embed these spellings securely.
- Read about new topics in science, history, geography and on Curriculum visions <https://curriculumvisions.com/login/login.php>
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Free opportunities in London: a chance for children to appreciate the incredible capital they live in

- Visit a museum or art gallery for free: <https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/sightseeing/london-attraction/museum/free-museums-in-london>
- Visit your local library and encourage your child to borrow books for free – they might explore graphic novels, magazines, audio books or discover new authors

Outdoor opportunities: a chance to enjoy fresh air and exercise – good for body and mind

- Visit one of London's world-famous parks: *Regents Park, St James' Park, Alexandra Park and Palace, Hyde Park, Hampstead Heath, Olympic Park etc.* Take a picnic and enjoy the fresh air.
- Go for a bike ride on one of London's traffic-free cycling routes: <https://getoutside.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/guides/10-traffic-free-cycling-routes-from-london/>

Rainy day stay at home activities: an important break from screens – vital for positive wellbeing

- Get creative and make some crafts: <https://www.parentmap.com/article/25-rainy-day-crafts-for-kids>
- Encourage your child to put on a show – they could act out parts of their favourite stories or films and make tickets to invite you to the performance

After a busy and successful year, taking the time to inspire children with any of the opportunities listed above – or some of your own! – will ensure that they continue to learn and grow over the holiday and return to school ready for the exciting challenges that lie ahead.

Please do not hesitate to be in contact if you would like to discuss ways to support your child over the break.

Best wishes,
Anna Case

PRIMARY ADVANTAGE SCHOOLS ACHIEVING TOGETHER Maths Resources

YEAR 1

Autumn



YEAR 4

Autumn



<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads>

Curriculum Visions is a great place for your child to read and learn about a range of subjects like history, geography, science, RE and more!

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Summer Reading Challenge

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



How it works

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.

Online

At your library



1. Sign up

Click 'Join now' to create your account.



2. Read books

Set your reading goal and read anything you like! Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review.



3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock special online badges and a certificate to print at home when you reach your Challenge goal!*

*Physical rewards like medals are only available when taking part at select libraries.