



Summer Holidays

We have put a pack together to help prepare your child for Year 1 and to keep them busy over the summer holidays. We are very aware that as the holidays are such a long period, the children can forget parts of what they have been taught and we hope this pack will help to refresh their memory and give them a head start for next year.

Suggestions for summer activities:

- Go to the library and look at a selection of non-fiction and fiction books. Many libraries run summer holiday reading schemes which are great fun and the children will really enjoy.
- Take an old notebook and help your child to create a summer journal of what they get up to over the holidays, remembering to write in sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Some children may be able to use time words and link sentences using 'and' or 'because'. Please encourage the children to use their sounds and sound out words they're not sure of.
- Practice counting to 100 and counting in twos, fives and tens. This is very important as it helps to prepare your child for times tables in Year 1.
- Go shopping and pay for things themselves. Children could add small prices together and find the change by taking away. Remember to count on to add and count back to take away.
- Reading as much as possible: signs, labels, menus, leaflets.
- Encourage your child to say please and thank you and use good manners.
- Encourage your child to remember and be responsible for their own belongings – what do they need for the day?
- Do some cooking and baking activities weighing out different ingredients, mixing and stirring ingredients.
- Play ball games in the park or in your garden.
- Visit family and friends and encourage good speaking and listening, as well as sharing.
- Identify numbers on number plates, house numbers, road signs etc. what is the biggest number? What number comes next? What number is before?
- Keep a simple weather diary. Count how many sunny/ rainy days and compare.

This list is endless and your child will be motivated by your interest and praise for his/ her efforts. It is probably better for your child to work in short regular sessions rather than 1 long session. Please encourage your child to do as much as possible themselves, with you supplying encouragement and just enough support to allow the all-important feeling of success and achievement. Please note that this project is completely voluntary, but we believe it will be an enjoyable and worthwhile activity for your child. It will ensure that they return in September with improved skills and a record of their holiday to be proud of.

Mrs Archer & Miss Laing

Letters & Sounds

Can your child say and write these sounds?

qu	ch	sh	th	ng	ai	ee	igh	oa	oo
ar	or	ur	ow	oi	ear	air	ure	er	

Can your child read these word by sight and spell them independently?

no	go	I	the	to	he	she	we	me	be
was	you	my	they	her	all	are			

said	so	do	have	like	some	come	were	there	little
one	when	out	what						

one	two	three	four	five	six	seven	eight	nine	ten
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Other

If you're interested, there are a range of educational books available from supermarkets/ W H Smith and online which can also offer help and activities. Please ensure they are age appropriate.

Bug Club

Please don't forget about Bug Club. Children continue to use it throughout the school and we have updated your child's reading list for the summer.

ICT

There are also lots of useful websites available. Here are some of our favourites:

www.crickweb.co.uk

www.letters-and-sounds.com

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies

It would be also be a great idea to help your child to use the computer with independence. We recommend using the tools on Paint to help build up their mouse control, and also typing on Word to support their letter recognition and word building skills.