



## CONCORDIA ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to begin by thanking you for all of the hard work that you have put in with your children during the period of school closure. Your efforts will make all the difference to their starting points when they return in September.

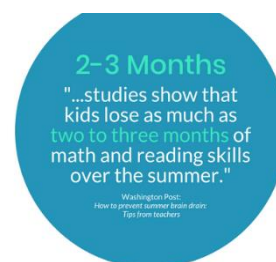
Whilst the summer holiday is an important time for children to recharge their batteries, there is research that tells us that children who do not study over the summer break may end up falling behind when they come back to school. Given the amount of time that the children have already had away from the classroom, we need to do our best to prevent this from happening.

In order to support your child over the summer, please ensure that you support them to complete the following:

### Daily Reading

Please ensure you are reading at home with your child every day. Children who read regularly, and are read to, learn more and achieve better than their peers.

The research below gives an example of the typical words learnt by children from different family backgrounds, but children from lower income backgrounds can attain just as many words as those from higher income backgrounds as long as they are supported and encouraged to do so by parents and family members.



### Accumulated Experience with Words, by Social Status

According to the Hart and Risley report, *The 30 Million Word Gap*, children of different socioeconomic status have starkly different experiences with the numbers of words they are exposed to during childhood. Here's a breakdown:

**45**

million words  
High-Income Families

**26**

million words  
Working Class Families

**13**

million words  
Lower-Income Families



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### Homework Packs

Attached is a variety of worksheets and activities at your child's level. These should support them in practicing their core Maths and Literacy skills.

### Topic Projects

A project has been assigned to each child according to what they will be learning in September. We have listed some engaging activities for you to do with your child which should pique their interest for when they return to school.

We are looking forward to seeing all of the children return to school in September and we are determined to hit the ground running so that we can make up for any time lost due to the pandemic. Your support in making sure that they are prepared for this is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Black

**2-3 Hours**

During summer  
vacation, **2-3 hours**  
per week is needed  
to prevent any  
learning loss.

Oxford Learning  
Summer Learning Loss Statistics  
(and Tips to Promote Learning  
All Summer Long)



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