

July 2021

Year 5 Summer Holiday Challenge

Dear Parents and Friends of Castle Hill,

It was an absolute pleasure to see the children in their new classes for our transition day a couple of weeks ago. We are very excited for them to begin their Year 5 journey with us in September.

In order to keep those brains ticking over the 6 weeks, here are a few tasks that the children can have a go at doing. It would be great to see any work, that they do, when they return in September.

Writing

It would be great if your child could have a go at writing a summer diary over the holidays. They could write about different adventures they have been on. They could include pictures, diagrams, photos to demonstrate what they have been doing. This doesn't need to be everyday, one entry a week would be great, unless of course they wanted to do more!

Reading

We would also like your child to continue to read throughout the holidays. Please encourage them to try to read a variety of different texts in order to help your child build up their vocabulary and their confidence. It is vital that you listen to your child read and discuss the text with them afterwards because sometimes, even the most fluent reader, might not fully understand the text. There is also the Hampshire libraries summer reading challenge they could have a go at if they wanted. The theme is Wild World Heroes. Please can you also return to school with a book that you would recommend the rest of the class to read. It would be great for us to hear about what you enjoy.

Maths

As well as being able to solve real-life mathematical problems, your child will need sharp mental skills. Times table knowledge is really integral to this. Please continue to support your child in being able to answer, at speed, their tables up to 12×12 (the current Government Target is for children to know their tables by the end of Year 4). They should also relate their knowledge to division i.e. if $8 \times 7 = 56$, then $56 \div 7 = 8$.

Maths makes more sense to children if it is related to the real world. Take the opportunity to talk maths to your child, for example: take your child shopping and get them to work out change, or add up several items; encourage them to read the time (on a digital and analogue clock); look at distances - how far are they travelling in the car to their destination; plan a journey using a timetable... Again, the opportunities are endless. Short, daily practice is the most effective way for them to learn.

There is also TTRS should they wish to do online work.

We are really excited about working with your child in Year 5. We know we 're going to have a fantastic year.

We hope you have a well-deserved, restful and relaxing summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Harding

Mrs Barker

Miss Bellars

Head of Year 5

Year 5 Class teacher

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