

Year 5 Summer Holiday Challenges

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we wanted to start off by saying how much of an absolute pleasure it was to see your lovely children in their new classes for our transition day a couple of weeks ago. As always, their outstanding behaviour and fantastic attitude shone through. It's safe to say we're very excited for them to begin their Year 5 journey with us in September and we are sure that their exemplary attitude is a sign of wonderful things to come. Your children have worked extremely hard over the last year and we are so proud of how they have faced any challenge with resilience and perseverance. We understand that the summer is an opportunity to relax and rejuvenate, so please see the activities below as a list of suggestions that your child can complete if they wish.

English

Writing

We would like your child to do a piece of writing on something that interests them, it could be a sport, hobby, their favourite animal or something else that they would like to tell us about! They can present their writing in any way they wish... the more creative, the better!

Alternatively, one of our first topics will be based on a Shakespeare play so the children may like to research the playwright and make a fact file about him.

Dojo points will be awarded for the most creative and best-written (including punctuation, vocabulary choices etc.) as well as bonus Dojos for those who have thought about how they will present their work.

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 them to build up their confidence. A helpful way to consolidate this further is to ensure you are listening to your child read and discuss the text with them afterwards to check their understanding of the text.

Maths

Your child will need razor-sharp mental skills when approaching upper Key Stage 2. Times table knowledge is integral to this. As you will all be aware, the current Government Target is for children to know their tables by the end of Year 4. Therefore, to maintain their fluency with times tables, please continue to support your child in being able to answer, at speed, their tables up to 12×12 .

Maths happens all around us each and every day and is a great way to help the children to solve real-life mathematical problems, A nice way to demonstrate this to the children over the course of the summer could be through the Olympics. When watching the events throughout the summer, please discuss what mathematical concepts you can spot. It might be by looking at decimals in the gymnastics scores, spotting what angles the divers are entering the water or even the distance covered in the running events combined, the opportunities are endless!

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

Uniform

As you well know, smart appearance and impeccable manners are vital at Castle Hill. Please ensure that your child is in clean, smart school uniform EVERY day. We would prefer them to be in blazer and tie. We will not tolerate scruffy or extreme haircuts (and ask that they do not return in September with these) hair gel or wax, jewellery, make-up, nail varnish, leggings or trainers.

Finally, we are so excited about welcoming your children back in September and we know we are going to have a brilliant year with them. We hope that you all have a restful, safe and relaxing summer holiday and we will see you in the Autumn term.

Yours sincerely,

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