

TEACHING AND LEARNING GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Welcome to our monthly Learning Newsletter. These newsletters look to help you to implement tried and tested learning strategies at home, in order to benefit your child and further enhance their educational experiences in the long term.

Family Learning Experiences

Whilst it's the holidays and you're spending some quality time with your children, you could make the most of a family learning experience. Here are some ideas for days out that can enhance learning about the history and geography of the locality and its people, arts and crafts. The activities are mostly free or inexpensive.

Self-guided walks around Preston - www.prestonguildcity.co.uk/visit/things-to-do-in-preston/outdoor-and-adventure/walks-in-preston/city-walks

Samlesbury Hall - one of the stunning stately homes of Lancashire, a haven for history lovers, where the past meets the present - a fantastic, free family day out. Open on Sundays in January. www.samlesburyhall.co.uk

Clitheroe Castle - The museum stands high on Castle Hill, in the shadow of the Castle Keep, an image which has dominated Clitheroe's skyline for over 800 years. The historic landmark of Clitheroe, in the heart of the Ribble Valley offers a day of exploration for all the family. The intriguing galleries will take you on a journey through 350 million years of history, heritage and geology of the local area. Younger hearts may take an adventure kitted out with rucksack, map and magnifying glass! www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/clitheroe-castle-museum.aspx

Singing Ringing Tree (Panopticon) - Designed by Tonkin Liu, Burnley's Panopticon, 'Singing Ringing Tree', is a unique musical sculpture which overlooks Burnley from its position high above the town on Crown Point. Constructed from pipes of galvanised steel stacked in layers, this Panopticon takes the form of a tree bending to the winds and harnesses the energy of those winds to produce a low, tuneful song. In June 2007, Singing Ringing Tree was named winner of a National Award for architectural excellence by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). www.visitlancashire.com/things-to-do/singing-ringing-tree-panopticon-p66560

The Harris Museum & Art Gallery - Since 1893, The Harris has enriched the lives of visitors and the local community by creating links between people, collections and exhibitions, by celebrating creativity and stimulating learning ... something that continues today. www.harrismuseum.org.uk

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Of and Off

In modern English 'of' and 'off', are used frequently. Furthermore, they are used so frequently that people often confuse them. For example in this sentence: 'He took off with the money'. In some instances one will see people writing it incorrectly as: 'He took of with the money'. There are other confusions like these.

Easily confused words

Of and **off** are not homophones, so the way they are spoken should help you to tell them apart.

Although **of** and **off** are not homophones they sound very similar and are often confused, so don't switch off!



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