

Keeping Skills Sharp For September 2023

We all deserve a well-earned Summer break, but in order to keep your child's skills practised and help to prepare them for the challenges of the next academic year, we have suggested some ideas of fun things they can do over the Summer holidays to keep their English and Maths skills sharp.

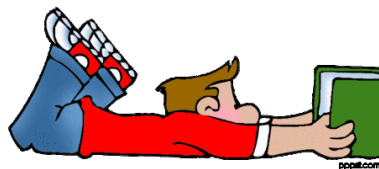


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ENGLISH

Reading



- **Take part in the Library "Ready, set, read!" Reading Challenge** (available from all libraries). Register at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> , read books over the holiday and earn rewards and badges.
- **Read as much as you can** - try a new author or different genre of book you haven't tried before

There are lots of book recommendations here:

[Our book recommendations | BookTrust](#)

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>



- **Recommend and/ or swap books** you have enjoyed with friends and family.

Writing

- **Enter our Holiday Scrapbook competition: SEE THE BACK PAGE**
- **Write a friend/ family member a post card, letter or email.** Your child could also let their new teacher know what a lovely holiday they are having by sending a postcard to:

Your new teacher's name & class
St. Nicholas C E Primary School
St. Faith's Road
Alcester
Warwickshire
B49 6AG



Start your new school year off well with house points for every postcard received!

- **Try these activities, games and websites:**

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

[Learning Activities - The Children's University of Manchester](#)

<https://www.ictgames.com/>

MATHS



Number

- Practise number facts to 10, and then extend to 20 and 100, or include decimals to 1
- Keep learning times tables (play board games but use 2 dice and add/ multiply the score).
- Practice the divisions that go with times tables at the same time.

Eg: $3 \times 9 = 27$, $9 \times 3 = 27$, $27 \div 9 = 3$, $27 \div 3 = 9$.

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$3 \times 90 = 270$, $900 \times 3 = 2700$, $270 \div 9 = 30$, $2700 \div 30 = 90$. $3 \times 0.9 = 2.7$

- Apply all of the above in the context of money,

Time

Practice telling the time (o'clock, half past etc) and finding time durations and differences using both analogue and digital initially an hour later, earlier building up to a journey time eg. 15:36 - 17:04

Shape, Measures and Data

Involve the children in the preparations of events / outings

eg Making the cakes for a picnic

- Weighing,
- Measuring liquids
- Reading scales,
- Temperature
- Working out time differences,
- Doubling, halving (recipe quantities)

Planning a day out /trip

- Reading bus / train/ plane timetables,
- Working out the cost of the trip, and cheapest way to travel
- How long a journey will take,
- Estimation miles/ kilometres,
- How much petrol is used, How much the petrol costs,

Use the supermarket trip

- Weighing fruit and vegetables
- Estimation of the final bill (round to nearest £ and keep a running total
- Find the best value - look at the deals, Are they really value for money?
- Sale reductions - half price, % reductions,

Notice charts and graphs in magazines and newspapers.

Notice and name shapes, both 2D and 3D, discussing their properties.

Useful Maths Websites:

www.mathszone.co.uk

www.nrich.maths.org

www.mathplayground.com

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.ictgames.com/>

<https://keystagefun.co.uk/> (Small charge for these apps)



**We hope that you have a wonderful Summer
and look forward to seeing you in September!**



Super Summer Holiday Scrapbook Competition 2023

This Summer, why not keep a diary of some of the things you have enjoyed doing?

- It does not have to be for the whole six weeks! - Just a few days, a week or a weekend would be excellent.
- Write about what you have done, where you have been and who or what you have seen.
- Stick in tickets, pictures, leaflets and photos and writing about each day.
- Add captions, titles, labels, pictures and photos to interest the reader.



Give your super scrapbook/ diary to your new teacher by Friday 8th September to be displayed in school and possibly win a prize! ☺