

Harry Potter Holiday Homework

As you may know, we were going to make our own class Harry Potter chess sets.

You could still develop your own ideas...

But even if you don't want to – you could take this opportunity to develop your chess skills.

If you already know how to play chess and have a set at home – challenge someone to a game - see how long you can make the game last – you could do 20 minutes a day / or do a marathon! Or play online, there are levels to suit every ability.

If you don't know how to play chess, why not find out – there are starter videos and games to support you.

As ever apply the usual e-safety rules.



Log onto origamitree.com and learn how to make an origami golden snitch - send us a picture of your model.

You might not be able to meet up with your friends and peers at the moment, but you could still design a game for when you can!

It could be a game of strategy, physical skill or luck...

The only rules are that it has to be based on the character of Harry Potter and the setting should be found in the philosopher's stone...

You could make it to play, or design it on paper as a list of instructions OR act it out with your family - film it and let us see how it works. Good Luck!

You can also have a look at harrypotterathome.com, which has Harry Potter puzzles and challenges. JK Rowling has just launched this site to keep you all being-Reading wizards!

At Harrypotter.bloomsbury.com you can take a quiz about all things H.P. – what about making a quiz (you know how much I love them!) – it could be about something you are already knowledgeable about OR a subject you find out about from 'scratch.'

Don't forget to watch The Chase for some ideas about how to make multiple choice questions really tricky!!

What do you think is Harry Potter's favourite music?

'Could it be magic?'

Come up with a top 10 for him.

Explain your thinking...

It was a very sunny Saturday and the zoo was crowded with families. The Dursleys bought Dudley and Piers large chocolate ice creams at the entrance and then, because the smiling lady in the van had asked Harry what he wanted before they could hurry him away, they bought him a cheap lemon ice pop. It wasn't bad, either, Harry thought, licking it as they watched a gorilla scratching its head who looked remarkably like Dudley, except that it wasn't blond.

Harry had the best morning he'd had in a long time. He was careful to walk a little way apart from the Dursleys so that Dudley and Piers, who were starting to get bored with the animals by lunchtime, wouldn't fall back on their favorite hobby of hitting him. They ate in the zoo restaurant, and when Dudley had a tantrum because his knickerbocker glory didn't have enough ice cream on top, Uncle Vernon bought him another one and Harry was allowed to finish the first.

Harry felt, afterward, that he should have known it was all too good to last.

After lunch they went to the reptile house. It was cool and dark in there, with lit windows all along the walls. Behind the glass, all sorts of lizards and snakes were crawling and slithering over bits of wood and stone. Dudley and Piers wanted to see huge, poisonous cobras and thick, man-crushing pythons. Dudley quickly found the largest snake in the place. It could have wrapped its body twice around Uncle Vernon's car and crushed it into a trash can - but at the moment it didn't look in the mood. In fact, it was fast asleep.

Dudley stood with his nose pressed against the glass, staring at the glistening brown coils.

"Make it move," he whined at his father. Uncle Vernon tapped on the glass, but the snake didn't budge.

"Do it again," Dudley ordered. Uncle Vernon rapped the glass smartly with his knuckles, but the snake just snoozed on.

"This is boring," Dudley moaned. He shuffled away.

Harry moved in front of the tank and looked intently at the snake. He wouldn't have been surprised if it had died of boredom itself - no company except stupid people drumming their fingers on the glass trying to disturb it all day long. It was worse than having a cupboard as a bedroom, where the only visitor was Aunt Petunia hammering on the door to wake you up; at least he got to visit the rest of the house.

Harrypotter.bloomsbury.com – has lots of 'fun stuff' , including 'Meet the illustrators' – you could illustrate your favourite extract from the book

OR

illustrate what you think the scene described on the left might look like?

You could make a cartoon strip OR animation ...

The snake suddenly opened its beady eyes. Slowly, very slowly, it raised its head until its eyes were on a level with Harry's.

It winked.

Harry stared. Then he looked quickly around to see if anyone was watching. They weren't. He looked back at the snake and winked, too.

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