

## *Summer Holidays*

We have put a pack together to help prepare your child for Year 1 and to keep them busy over the summer holidays.

We are very aware that as the holidays are such a long period, the children can forget parts of what they have been taught and we hope this pack will help to refresh their memory and give them a head start for next year. Suggestions for summer activities:

- Go to the library and look at a selection of non-fiction and fiction books. Many libraries run summer holiday reading schemes which are great fun and the children will really enjoy.
- Take an old notebook and help your child to create a summer journal of what they get up to over the holidays, remembering to write in sentences using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Please encourage the children to use their sounds and sound out words they're not sure of.
- Practice counting to 50 and counting in ones, twos, fives and tens. This is very important as it helps to prepare your child for times tables in Year 1.
- Go shopping and pay for things themselves. Children could add small prices together and find the change by taking away. Remember to count on to add and count back to take away.
- Reading as much as possible: signs, labels, menus, leaflets.
- Encourage your child to say Please and Thank You and use good manners.
- Encourage your child to remember and be responsible for their own belongings: what do they need for the day?
- Do some cooking and baking activities weighing out different ingredients, mixing and stirring ingredients.
- Play ball games in the park or in your garden.
- Visit family and friends and encourage good speaking and listening, as well as sharing.

- Identify numbers on number plates, house numbers, road signs etc. what is the biggest number? What number comes next? What number is before?

Please encourage your child to do as much as possible themselves, with you supplying encouragement and just enough support to allow the all-important feeling of success and achievement. It will ensure that they return in September with improved skills and a record of their holiday to be proud of.

*Letters & Sounds Can your child say and write these sounds?*

qu	ch	sh	th	ng	ai	igh	oa	oo	ar
or	ur	ow	oi	ear	air	ure	er	ay	ee

*Can your child read these word by sight and spell them independently?*

no	go	I	the	to	he	she	we
me	be	was	you	my	they	her	all
are	said	so	do	have	like	some	were
there	little	what	when	out	one	two	three
four	five	six	seven	eight	nine	ten	

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There are also lots of useful websites available. Here are some of our favourites:

[www.crickweb.co.uk](http://www.crickweb.co.uk)

[www.letters-and-sounds.com](http://www.letters-and-sounds.com)

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies)

We recommend using the tools on Paint to help build up their mouse control, and also typing on Word to support their letter recognition and word building skills.

*Mrs Odrog and Miss Flahey*