

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Guide for parents

SUGGESTIONS FOR THINGS TO KEEP CHILDREN BUSY

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The school summer holidays are a time for everyone to relax and recharge, especially after the challenges for parents and pupils in the last two terms. We hope your children enjoy the holidays and we have put together a list of some of our favourite resources to help them **keep up the skills** they have achieved over the past few months.

Reading

Most of us enjoy a good read and the summer holidays are the perfect time to unwind with a good book.

Bristol libraries have launched their summer reading challenge, a great way to get children engaged with reading.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

If you're stuck for ideas of new authors and books this site has children's reviews and recommendations for all age groups.

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>

Perfect for car journeys, these sites offer free audiobooks for children:

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

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

A free ebooks library:

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

This is a great site for finding out what's in the news, specially written for children.

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

Spelling

Some time spent revising spellings over the holidays will be really useful. We have enjoyed practising them by playing games online.

<https://spellingframe.co.uk>

Times Tables

Games and activities to practise times tables.

<https://mathsticks.com/my/>

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

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

Writing

Some children love writing. If you need inspiration, this site offers a different stimulus and ideas for every day of the year.

<https://www.pobble365.com/>

Sometimes the excitement of entering a competition can inspire us. All these writing competitions have closing dates within the school holidays and beyond.

<https://poetrysociety.org.uk/competitions/foyle-young-poets-of-the-year-award/>

<https://ymwa.org.uk/>

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions>

<https://creativewritingink.co.uk/writing-competitions/>

Wellbeing

A '#SelfcareSummer' pack for primary pupils from the amazing **Anna Freud National Centre** for children and families:

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/selfcaresummer-primary-pack/>

And there is also a secondary pack which you may prefer for children going into Year 7.

Art projects for families from charity **Place2Be** that help build resilience and create connection:

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/coronavirus-wellbeing-activity-ideas-for-families/>

Project 4: 'River to Sea' is focussed on pupils moving from primary to secondary school.

Links to a range of home learning resources from the **PSHE Association**, including 'Let's watch a film!', a resource that helps pupils understand how age ratings can support safer choices around the media they consume:

<https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/content/home-learning-resources>