

Awesome Adventures for Summer 2019

School might stop over summer, but your learning doesn't have to! No time to be bored in the summer holiday, as there are lots of suggestions to keep you busy, active and ensure your thirst for learning, adventure and curiosity never stops. All these activities are optional – but we do expect all children to continue with their reading over the summer!

Remember to build in time to rest, relax and recover, as that's what the holiday is for!

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Whole school challenge 1



Take part in the summer reading challenge – read 6 books! Register at your library to take part. The Summer Reading Challenge 2019 theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th Anniversary of the first moon landing. The Summer Reading Challenge website allows your child to keep track of the books they have read during the summer and beyond. They can also find new books to read, recommended by other children; watch exclusive author videos; take part in competitions and play games.

We'd love to present your certificate to you when you return to school in September. The challenge starts on Saturday 13th July!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Whole school challenge 2



20th July is the 50th Anniversary of the moon landings – Apollo 11 – explore and investigate about this momentous event!

Visit the National Space Centre in Leicester.

<https://spacecentre.co.uk/blog-post/apollo-11-key-moments/>
<https://spacecentre.co.uk/event/one-giant-leap/>

Join the Mission Commanders 'One Giant Leap' (from 13th July – 1st September) at the National Space Centre for an immersive celebration of the Apollo 11 50th Anniversary. Use your day out as a springboard to inspire your learning or research about this event. Use the landings as a stimuli for writing – write a postcard to 'Earth' describing what you can see! Make a project, make a rocket, explore the Moon...be as creative as you like... and we'd love to see what you come up with.

Whole school challenge 3



Make a summer bucket list and keep a diary of what you achieve. Choose something to achieve each week or each day. Keep a short written diary, photo diary and captions of your achievements. *You* choose how you record your successes. What did you love? What was hardest? What did you need to persevere with in order to achieve or finish?

Short of ideas? Get 'googling' and be inspired!

http://www.eparenting.co.uk/activities_for_kids/summer_bucket_list.php

Fancy keeping your diary as a digital record? <http://www.diaryzapp.com>

More Awesome Ideas for Summer 2019

English

- Read, read and read – get lost in a book. Explore new authors, and choose new books from
 - <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/100-best-picture-books-to-read-before-you-are-5-years-old/>
 - <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks1-school-pupils/>
 - <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>
 - Listen to a podcast.
 - Listen to an audiobook (great for long journeys).
 - Also see your year group activity suggestions.
 - Check out a range of English websites – all of which reinforce work covered across a range of year groups:
 - <http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>
 - <https://uk.ixl.com/>
 - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>
 - <https://www.spellzone.com/>
 - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/> - range of activities for ages 5 – 7 and then 7 – 11.
 - <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/literacy/>
 - <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zhrd2p>
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Maths

- Have your own personal 'bake off! Use your maths to measure, read scales and calculate cooking times. Photograph your achievements and make a summer 'bake off' diary.
 - Get a Tangram set, and see how many different images you can make. Can you build a new one each day of the holiday? Photograph all your images and create a Tangram booklet.
https://www.tts-group.co.uk/soft-plastic-tangrams-28pcs/MA10071.html?gclid=Cj0KCQjwL6LoBRDqARIsABlIMSaMuZbWAfwZMKEOfGpKOhxK3x3vvai92H3baOIL2PH5ONFjCXC4S_1aArDHEALw_wcB
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 - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>
 - <https://teachingtables.co.uk/>
 - <http://www.ictgames.com/>
 - <http://mathszone.co.uk/>
 - <http://uk.mathletics.com/>
 - <https://uk.ixl.com/>
 - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>
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The Great Outdoors

- 25th to 31st July is National Parks Week and this year's theme is adventure – inspiring everyone to go out and enjoy National Parks.
<https://www.cnp.org.uk/blog/so-what-can-you-do-national-parks-week>
<https://nationalparks.uk/visiting/discover-national-parks>
- Plan your next adventure here... <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do> Get closer to nature with '50 things to do before you're 11¾'. There's plenty of outdoor activities to do all year round, from watching the sunset to creating some wild art.
- Take the Shakespeare Express (alternate Summer Sundays 21st July ~ 4th August ~ 18th August ~ 1st September ~ 15th September). Use your journey as a stimulus to write, draw, build, create or explore the industrial age of steam!

- 7th August is National Play day! Explore more about the event and why not take part? You can plan your own day or join in with one of the many events around the country. <http://www.playday.org.uk/>
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Challenge, curiosity and creativity

- Explore fresh fruits and vegetables by making your own smoothie recipe. What works best? Which is the tastiest? Which is the most attractive or colourful? Keep a record of your recipes, along with photos, and create your own recipe book.
 - Love Science and all things STEM? Discover hundreds of activities to enjoy over the summer. Keep a record or diary of what you do.
<https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/100-summer-stem-activities-science-experiments/>
 - Make ice cream in a bag!
<https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a54721/ice-cream-in-a-bag-recipe/>
 - Going on holiday? Explore your holiday destination – find out about the country, area, currency, or something important to the country. Look up your destination on a map or globe. Learn about some traditional cuisine, before you go... and cook some when you return home.
 - Choose, explore and make foods from different parts of the world over a week – a holiday without even leaving home! You could even make the challenge harder and create one meal a week inspired by a different country from each continent.
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Resilience and persistence

Build resilience: Success in life is in part, dependent on your capacity to take risks and manage fear. Often, resilient behaviour requires us to take action in the face of this fear – so let's start building resilience now...

- Help your child develop this quality and explore 'Fifty Dangerous Things (you should let your children do)' and its list of dangerous activities. Plenty of fun things to do – with varying degrees of risk which are appropriate for different ages of children. Choose some activities and occupy your children throughout the summer, helping them to overcome their fear and just 'do it, anyway'.
<https://www.fiftydangerousthings.com>
 - Children in Junior 5 or Junior 6 could spend a night 'homeless' – sleep outside, with just a blanket and cardboard box shelter.
 - Take up running! Join your local ParkRun event – register for Junior ParkRun and run 2km every Sunday through the summer holiday – if you are a really good runner – run the main 5km ParkRun event with an adult on a Saturday. The Stratford-upon-Avon event takes place at 9.00am every Sunday. Don't forget to register by visiting the ParkRun website before your first visit.
<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/stratforduponavonrec-juniors/> If you go on holiday you can keep running and be a ParkRun tourist!
 - Try something new as a family: Being adventurous isn't in everyone's comfort zone but knowing you're together in a new experience gives support and builds confidence. Pushing comfort zones in a safe way and putting in the effort, helps reduce the fear of the unknown and develops courage and resilience. Keep a photo and caption diary of how you feel when things don't go so well, and how you feel when you achieve! Perseverance, determination, grit and an 'I can do' attitude.
 - Go 'device free' for one day each week / one weekend each week / every other day / on your family holiday. Be 'device free family' at agreed time.
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Recommended Apps to use and download
(under parental supervision)

