

22th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know many of you will be concerned about the impact that the disruption to children's schooling will have had on their learning. I am writing to give you some information for how we plan continue supporting and encouraging your child to engage in learning activities during the summer holiday. In developing this plan, we have considered:

- What is realistic – we know children will not work throughout their summer break
- Key areas to help your child be in the best position for September
- How we can help to motivate pupils before and during the summer

Reading:

Maintaining the positive reading habits children have continued to develop in school this year is really important. To support children develop fluency as well as build on their love of reading, we will:

- Open the school library during the summer to give the opportunity for all pupils to come into school and exchange a library book – we will publish on Facebook and ClassDojo on the days the library will be open.
- Children in Key Stage 2 will still be able to complete their AR quizzes during the summer.
- We have promoted the [East Sussex Summer Reading Challenge](#) with all children this term.
- Children can upload any book reviews they write to a school 'padlet' to share with others – [Summer Reading and Writing Challenge](#)
- In addition to our school library being open, children can access a range of free ebooks and audio books using [this link](#).



Writing:

We know that children often have less reason and opportunities to pick up a pen or pencil over the summer holiday. Children then find it hard to pick-up where they left off at the end of the year. To engage children in writing:

- We will send out weekly writing challenges via Facebook and ClassDojo to all pupils delivered by a range of special guests!
- Again, finished pieces can be uploaded to the school padlet to share with others – [Summer Reading and Writing Challenge](#).
- The padlet is a place children can share any writing – it doesn't need to be linked to the challenges.

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Maths:

Your children have worked extremely hard this year to build up their fluency skills alongside all their new learning in maths. Fluency with number facts builds confidence and will support children's progress.



- Children in Year 2 to 6 have been introduced to [DoodleMaths](#). This is an online program with a range of activities pitched at each individual child's ability. We have sent you information regarding DoodleMaths previously and an overview can be found on the school website – www.pevenseyschool.org.uk/learning/doodlemaths
- For children in Early Years and Year 1, we have set children up with both a [Numbots](#) and a [10ticks](#) login. Your child's login details have been sent through ClassDojo.
- White Rose Maths have developed a series of FREE colourful and engaging workbooks designed to revisit and practise work that children have covered earlier in the year and to prepare them for the new school year ahead. Parents and carers can collect the books from 26th July onwards at any of Morrisons' store nationwide. [Click here for more information.](#)

Links to all of our online learning activities can be found here:
www.pevenseyschool.org.uk/learning/online-learning

Additional opportunities

Some children and families may wish to dedicate additional time to continuing your child's learning over the summer. The Oak National Academy have put together a wealth of resources for the summer. This includes some priority units in English, Maths, Science and the wider curriculum which will help to lay the groundwork for the next academic year.

The units and activities can be found at: <https://teachers.thenational.academy/summer-learning-support>

Children at PaWS have worked really hard this year. Many will have found the impact of the pandemic challenging both in terms of the break up to their learning but they would also have been aware of the heightened levels of anxiety and uncertainty in the wider community. They do deserve to have a great summer break. The activities suggested are not designed to take over their holiday. Instead, we would encourage a little but often approach to help your child maintain their momentum, succeed and flourish next year.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Luke Paramor