



Summer Holiday Learning and Challenges

What a strange year it has been! Normally, we would set some challenges to help keep your mind active during the Summer Holidays. This year, you may be feeling all challenged out - so many of you made superb efforts with #RankinPossible during Lockdown. If you are ready for a summer break from learning challenges, then we don't blame you. Rest, relaxation and recovery are all very important for our wellbeing.

There may be others of you who are still feeling the need to keep busy! There are two parts to this document which will hopefully provide some support to everyone on some level.

1. **Summer Learning Activities** - here are some things we at JRS think you could focus over during the summer weeks. These are focused on Reading, Writing (including Spelling and Phonics) and Maths and have been chosen as interesting ideas and activities you could dip into.
2. **Summer 2020 Challenges** - we have created ten fun and educational challenges to try with your family (you might spot some old favourites from previous years!). You can tick off each challenge when you have completed it. We would love to see and hear all about what you get up to when we have you all back in September. Please do bring in any learning you do to show and celebrate with us.

Most importantly, have fun and enjoy the holidays!

We cannot wait to have our John Rankin family back again in September to continue our learning journey together.

Keep shining bright, Rankineers!



Summer Learning Ideas

Reading	Writing/Spelling	Maths
<p>Share a story - in person, or via video messaging, with a sibling, cousin, friend, grandparent. A new story, an old favourite - talk about why you love it!</p> <p>Summer Reading Challenge - libraries are re-opening - hurrah! This year, join the Silly Squad in the summer reading challenge - you can also complete it online this year. https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/</p> <p>Bedtime Stories - try and build a routine and make time for this if you can. Stuck for new book ideas? Check out this website: https://www.booksfortopics.com/summer-reads</p> <p>Reading Comprehension - perhaps this is an area you're less sure about. There is some great information and some activity ideas for all ages here: https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-comprehension/</p> <p>However you do it, whatever you read, whenever you can find the time... JUST DO IT!</p>	<p>Write a Diary - recording your thoughts and feelings in a diary can be really great for your wellbeing. Practising your writing by recounting your daily activities can also be fun and makes a lovely keepsake to look back on. You could use a special book and pen to do this, or type it and set aside a regular time each day for diary writing.</p> <p>Word Games - there are so many of these! Great for a rainy afternoon or playing with your Granny. Have you tried: Boggle, Hangman, Scrabble, Banagrams, Upwords, Pass the Bomb, Story Cubes? How about wordsearches and crosswords?</p> <p>Spelling and Phonics online resources we recommend: http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/ https://spellingframe.co.uk/ https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/lists-curriculum.cfm https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/english/primary-spelling/</p>	<p>Number Bonds - knowing your number bonds is so important and a skill you will use forever. There are loads of fun things you can do to practise your number bonds. Playing board games with two or more dice and games with playing cards are great! Have you played hit the button yet? https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</p> <p>Times Tables - learning your multiplication facts is key to building your confidence in maths and improving your mental arithmetic skills. It can be great fun too! There are loads of great songs on Youtube if that helps you. Loads of free apps. Not to mention of course TTRS! Did you know, that by the end of Year 4 you should know all of your times tables up to 12?! https://trockstars.com/</p> <p>Dominoes and Dice - these are wonderful tools for learning and having fun with maths and also happen to be super cheap to buy! Lots of ideas here: https://nrich.maths.org/8311 https://nrich.maths.org/1200</p>

Other ideas

LEGO Learning - <https://education.lego.com/en-gb/support/homeschool#learningspace>

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Starters for STEM are 10 activities that parents can use at home to help children develop their science, technology, engineering and maths skills. - <https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning/primary>

MUSIC Bring the noise - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bring-the-noise/explore-bring-the-noise/zrx8gwx>

West Berkshire Competitions and Challenges West Berkshire are running a range of challenges and competitions (with prizes!) over the summer. Further details of all the activities on offer can be found in their 'Summer Offer Prospectus' on our website.

Summer 2020 Challenges		Tick
1	<p>Extreme Reading</p> <p>Try reading your books in interesting places inside and out. You might like to write book reviews or taking photos of the places you read.</p>	
2	<p>Making a Meal</p> <p>With the help of an adult, plan and make a meal for your family or friends. You could create a menu or recipes, take photos of the food you make, or ask your family to review your meal.</p>	
3	<p>Fitness Challenge</p> <p>Maybe you've been keeping fit with Joe Wicks this year already! For this challenge you are going to set your own exercise or fitness goal. Maybe you like running, or walking, or climbing, football, tennis, basketball... think about your skill level - how far you can walk/run currently, how many continuous bounces/keepy uppies/goals can you do in a set time. Set a new time/distance/number to work towards achieving. You could chart your progress in a diary or on a graph, using photos or video clips. Good luck fitness fans!</p>	
4	<p>Nurture Something</p> <p>To nurture - care for and protect (someone or something) while they are growing. This could be growing something from a seed, looking after a houseplant, caring for a pet, helping to look after a younger sibling. You might need to provide food, water, love, care, attention, time and protection. You could look around your garden for things that need to be nurtured - snails, frogs, caterpillars, woodlice, hedgehogs... maybe you could build a bug house. Take care to be gentle and don't touch anything that might hurt you. Always wash your hands after exploring in the garden.</p>	
5	<p>Life Skills</p> <p>Is there something you've been meaning to get around to learning to do during Lockdown? Perhaps you'd like to learn: to ride a bike, tie your shoelaces, tie a tie, bake a cake, spell your middle name, tell the time, put a duvet in a duvet cover, learn your address or phone number... Maybe you have more than one thing you'd like to learn to do. We would love to hear about your achievements in September!</p>	
6	<p>Sketching</p> <p>Go outside or for a walk in the countryside but take some paper/a sketch pad with you. Sketch the most interesting natural objects you come across or sit somewhere with a lovely view and try and sketch the landscape.</p>	
7	<p>Map Making</p> <p>Go for a walk/ bike ride/ run with your family or friends. When you get home, draw a map of where you went. Label it with interesting points and you could record the time it took and distance travelled.</p>	
8	<p>Become an Expert</p> <p>Choose something that fascinates you but you don't know much about. Spend time learning all you can about your chosen subject until you reach expert levels of knowledge! You could record a video presenting your expert knowledge or make a powerpoint or design a page for a website.</p>	
9	<p>Obstacle Races</p> <p>Build an obstacle course in your garden or at the park. Challenge your friends and family to complete it. You could time each other and then see if the time can be improved.</p>	
10	<p>Citizenship</p> <p>Think about how you can support your community this summer. You could visit an elderly relative, offer to do some chores for your family, do a litter-pick at your local park, sort the recycling at home, stand up for something you believe in... you might like to write a letter to the government or your local MP or even the Queen - you might even get a reply!</p>	