

Keep your skills sharp this summer!

The holidays are essential for much-needed rest and recuperation for our children.

It is important to also be mindful of the 'summer slide'. Research says that children can lose one to three months of learning over the summer break and this can be hard to catch up.

The following short activities can make a big difference, keeping skills sharp and maintaining motivation for learning.

READING

Keeping your reading up is the most important thing. Make time for reading every day. Families should prioritise reading for pleasure: sharing books together, and listening to each other read. Audio books are a great way for children to enjoy books, independently, and you can get lots of free ones via the Borrow Box app (free from the library). They are great for in the car on long journeys!

The library's Summer Reading Challenge

is fantastic! Help yourself to FREE books, set yourself some simple reading targets, and bag yourself a free trip to World of Country Life!

Brixington Challenge

Bring in your complete Summer Reading Challenge to share in September's first celebration assembly.



WRITING

Don't let your basic skills drop back over the holiday. A short piece of handwriting each week will be greatly beneficial, especially if you focus on remembering full stops and capital letters.

Spelling is an important thing to practise. Use your phonics skills to say the sounds and write the words. The BBC spelling websites are helpful, too:

KS1 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcgv39q>

KS2 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>

Brixington Challenge

Complete a short piece of writing using one of the following pictures as inspiration. Mr Dyer's favourites will win a prize and be displayed at school.



MATHS

A few minutes of mental maths each day, or 30 minutes a week, will make maths lessons in September so much easier.



Use your **Times Tables Rock Stars**

log in if you have one. Challenge yourself to beat your personal best!

[Hit the Button](#) have easy and fun games for all year groups to keep your maths skills sharp.

[BBC maths](#) have lessons and games for practice for Years 3 to 6. There are [fun games](#) for Key Stage 1, too.



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The online maths platform to advance pupil learning

Use your **Magma Maths** password if you have one. There are lots of assignments to test yourself with over the summer, and the

platform uses AI to teach you what you need to know.

Brixington Challenge

Year 1 and 2: Score 10 out of 10 on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables on [Hit the Button](#).

Year 3 to 6: Defeat Mr Dyer's score on 'Rock Slam' on TTRS.