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Dear Parents / Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in these challenging times. There is no formal home learning for your children to do over the holidays. However, it is essential that they continue to read regularly over the holidays so that they don't fall behind. You can find e-books at www.oxfordowl.co.uk, you need to register but this is free. For free Read Write Inc. Phonics eBooks, activities and advice, visit Oxford Owl for Home: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/read-write-inc-home>

You could also enrol your child into the Summer Reading Challenge 2020 which is in a new digital format designed to keep children engaged and interested in reading. This year the Summer Reading Challenge is back and online with Silly Squad! It's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh! The Summer Reading Challenge website is free to access and features games, quizzes and downloadable activities that incentivise and encourage children to take part in reading related activities. The Challenge will run from 5 June to mid-September: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

We know that you will be enjoying family time, however here are a few ideas of things that you can do at home to build on Year 2 and prepare for Year 3 should you wish to:

- Consolidate the 2, 5, 10 times tables from Year 2. The children should know these in any order.
- Start to learn 3, 4 and 8 times tables in preparation for Year 3. There are lots of websites to support times tables.
- Continue to use Bug Club and Mathletics to consolidate core reading and maths skills.
- Practice spelling of Year 2 words.
- Develop writing by involving your children in every day writing tasks such as shopping lists. Encourage them to write postcards whilst you are on holiday or keep a diary of their summer.

As this has not been a typical end of term, we haven't been able to discuss 'Stranger Danger' with the children and how to keep safe on the internet, so we would like to point you in the direction of a website which can provide you with videos and activities to share with your children. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

We hope that you all have a lovely summer.

Miss Estcourt and Mrs Andrew