

# Summer Activities for Year 1

At Hamp Nursery and Infant school, it is time for everyone to have a fun summer break. Mrs Bird and Mrs Weatherburn hope you and your children have fun, but you also continue to do things that will help your child in their learning. Remember to keep safe and well during the holiday.

We would like your child to do reading, writing and maths daily.

## Reading

If you have access to the Internet, then try the following:

- <https://collins.co.uk/pages/big-cat-ebooks>
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>
- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>
- <https://www.tckpublishing.com/free-ebooks-for-kids/>

You could also listen to stories:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/audio-stories/zh3t2sq>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b00jdlm2/cbeebies-bedtime-stories>

Hopefully, the library will soon be open. When it does, go and borrow a book or two! - **They are free!** But; remember they are on loan and need to be returned on time.

**Play board games-** such as Junior Scrabble, your child could read the letters and sound out the words they make as they put them on the board.



## Phonics

If your child keeps practising their phonic sounds, it will help them with their reading and writing. There are many websites where your child can play games, which will help them with letter and word recognition.

These are a few you may like to try.

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
- <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>
- <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html>
- [http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/phonics_games.html)



Your child could; use chalk on paths or water pistols on walls, all good ways to learn sounds and common exception words (tricky words).

Jump in and out of circles to build words for spelling. Play hopscotch. Read signs on buildings or objects as you walk or shop.

Please see the school website for more ideas.

## Writing

If your child can practise their handwriting skills at home, it will help them when they return to school in September.

At school, we use the PenPals Handwriting scheme.

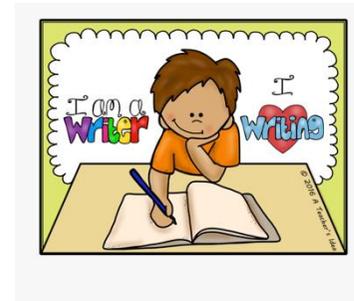
They practise:

Long legged giraffe letter shapes; l i t u j y

One armed robot letter shapes; r b n h m k p

Curly caterpillar letter shapes; c a d o s g q e f

Zig-zag monster letter shapes; z v w x



Your children can practise writing sentences. They can be short or long, simple or complex. The more they practise the better they will become at writing.

Go on a walk. Ask your child to make a list of things they see on the way. Can they write sentences describing what they saw?

Can they write a story about their walk? They can make up the characters. Think of a plot. Think of a problem. Think about how the problem solved. What happened at the end? The beginning?

Ask your child to make a water safety or a sun safety poster. Discuss together why they need to keep safe and how they can keep safe.  
Can they write a poem about their summer holiday?

**Maths** - We would like your child to do some maths daily.

They can count from 0 to 100 forwards and backwards from 20.

Count in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s.

You could also:

- Talk with your child about how much you have in your purse. Encourage them to recognise the coins and say how much they are worth. Can they add up the coins in different ways to find the totals?
- Help them to begin to tell the time. Can they say when it is o'clock or half past on an analogue clock? Look at digital clocks.
- Look for shapes in your home or when on a walk - Go on a scavenger hunt for different shapes.
- Bake cakes. Your child could help weigh out the ingredients, beginning to use the scales and talk about grams and kilogrammes
- Help them to find a half or quarter of a pizza. How many slices do they need? Why do they have to be equal? **To help you and your child here is a list of online maths games that they can play.**

<http://www.maths-games.org/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zjkphbk>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>



## Physical and PE

Play rounders,  
Play hide and seek,  
Dance - learn the steps  
Go to the beach - fly a kite,  
Blow bubbles  
Throw and catch a ball or a Frisbee.  
Help wash the car.  
Dig holes on a sandy beach.  
Build a den they could use fabric and chairs or tables.



## Extra Literacy and Maths games

Play board games e.g. snakes and ladders.  
Play matching word, sound games or picture pair's games.  
Play skittles - how many knocked down.  
Write their name, letters, or words in the sand.

Tic-tac-toe

## Science

Make ice cubes and observe them melting, add food colouring  
Go on a bug hunt - look for different mini-beasts can you name them?  
Make slime - recipes can be found at:  
<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-make-slime>  
Go on a nature walk - collect different leaves and other natural things such as flowers on a piece of string. Can they identify their items? Can they press their flowers to keep them?  
Go bird watching. Try to identify the birds you see, make a bird feeder.



# Other ideas for fun learning

## Using their imagination

Playing shadows game.  
Dressing up & making up a story verbally.  
Role-play with small world toys, such as train set, pirate ship or kitchen.

## Art and D&T

Make a paper kite, boat or aeroplane,  
Make a summer collage using items found on a nature walk.  
Have a go at Origami or paper folding.  
Make sandwiches and cupcakes or make homemade lemonade to go on a picnic.  
Make a mini garden.  
Create sun catchers.  
Making a twig frame and weaving.