Thursday 6th July

Dear parents and carers,

The summer break is fast approaching. While the summer holidays provide the perfect chance for children to relax after a busy school year, we recognise that parents might want some ideas to keep their child busy or to prepare them for the start of the new school year.

Here are some practical ways you can keep your child reading:

- **Ring fence the time to read**: The summer holidays are bound to be busy, but 10-15 minutes of reading with your child every day is one of the best ways you can help them with their learning.

- **Take turns to read**: Whatever age and level of reading fluency your child is at, they’ll benefit from both reading aloud to you and hearing you read aloud to them. By both reading and listening, your child gets the best of both worlds, learning more than if they only read aloud to you or listened to you.

- **Think about the range of books**: If children like a particular type of book and that’s all they want to read, that is fine. But anything we can do to broaden children’s reading palette is a good thing. Visit the local library or sign up to Oxford Owl (www.oxfordowl.co.uk) to access over 250 free online ebooks.

- **Take part in our summer reading challenge**! Please find attached a summer reading challenge. The challenge is to complete as many of the tasks as possible. Children colour in a square once they have completed a challenge.

*Oxford Owl for Home* have created a webpage full of summer ideas for indoors and outdoors activities for children. Visit www.oxfordowl.co.uk/summer for more information. Activities include: make a frog pond, 20 things to do with sticks, sandcastle science to name a few! I’ve also included ’The Best Homework Ever!’ task sheet for more activity ideas.
We are inviting all children to create their own holiday scrapbook. They are a perfect way for children to record their holiday memories. Children can cut, stick, draw, add photos and write about their holiday adventures. They can even add a section about the summer reading challenge or include completed activities from the 'Best Homework Ever' sheet. We will be awarding a prize for the most creative scrapbook. If your child would like to enter, he/she will need to bring their scrapbook into school by Friday 1st September.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break and shall look forward to reading the scrapbooks at the start of the autumn term.

Regards,

Ms Holden
Deputy Headteacher