

Re: Summer learning

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have made it to the end of a very unusual school year. The resilience that pupils have showed during this time has been incredible: they are a credit to you and to the school.

During the summer, it is important – in addition to getting lots of rest – that they continue to practise key skills so that they are as ready as possible for September.

Below are some suggestions for ways in which you could support your child(ren) with their learning over the summer holiday.

Reading

- Please aim to read with your child for at least 20 minutes a day.
- We have made a short presentation with some tips about how to read with your child [that you can watch on our YouTube channel](#). We will also post this on Class Dojo.
- We have also set pupils a summer reading challenge. They can access this on Seesaw, or by clicking the link [here](#).

We are also so excited to announce that, as an end of term treat, we are giving every pupil two books to take home over the summer holidays. These are gifts so please keep them, enjoy them and encourage your children to swap them with their friends! When you've finished those, there are some brilliant book recommendations [here](#).



Ark Spark

Ark Spark is an online platform specially-made for children at Ark schools. There are free e-books, maths and spelling games, music events, competitions and loads more!



In the Summer Programme, pupils can learn new skills and try new things: from coding or touch typing to baking cupcakes; maths and poetry competitions to a virtual music festival - there are plenty of challenges to keep children engaged throughout the summer.

Children can use their school Chromebook to access the Virtual Summer Programme on Ark Spark. The link for this is below:

<https://arkschools.sharepoint.com/sites/Summerprogramme/>.

When they from their school Chromebook, they will automatically be logged in. To log in from another device, they will need to enter their school username and password. This is the same username and password that they use to access all school computers and platforms.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

Mr Etheridge

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