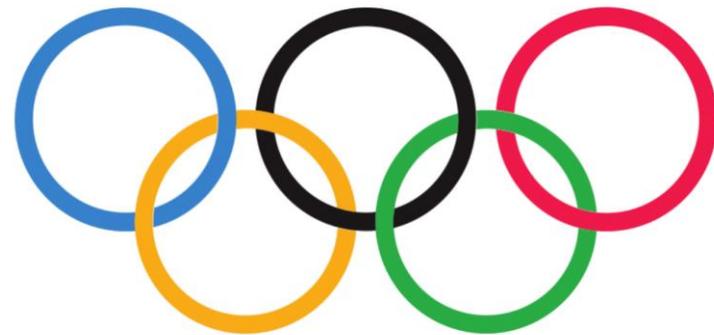


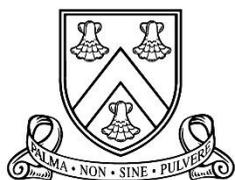
SUMMER
ACTIVITIES 2020

TOKYO 2020



SUMMER SCHOOL for ALL DISADVANTAGED PUPILS from Year 2 to Year 8

Marlston and Brockhurst House School Collaboration



This offer is open to all disadvantaged pupils and students from year 2 (aged 7) to year 8 (aged 14). Pupils will enrol to take part in all online recorded lessons. Guidance about how to enrol and what is on offer will be accessed by watching a short webinar. The Summer School begins on Monday 20th July and will run for the summer holidays.

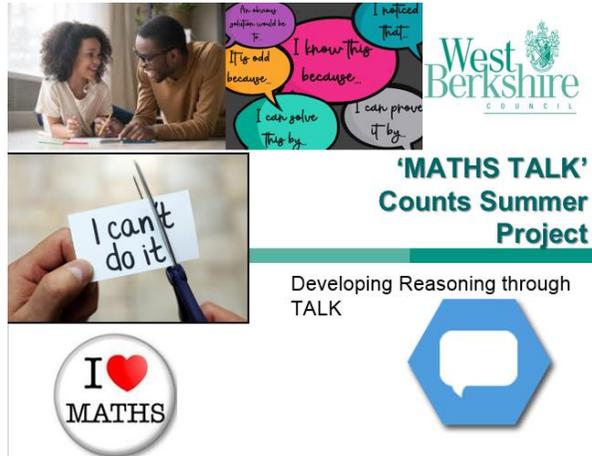
<https://vimeo.com/434791874>

Virtual tutorials will be on offer for pupils on request. This is a free offer for all pupils in receipt of free school meals. Please contact the Headteacher David Fleming if you need more information d.fleming@brockmarl.org
d.fleming@brockmarl.org



David Fleming is pleased to offer this provision free of charge for summer 2020.
Please visit the school's website <https://www.brockmarl.org.uk/> to read the Safeguarding Policy.

**West Berkshire School Improvement Team.
Summer Maths Challenge – Years 1-6 (ages 6-11)**



'Maths Talk' Counts Summer Project

At the heart of mathematics is the ability to “talk maths”. It clarifies mathematical thought and gives children a platform to clarify if they know or do not know something. This strengthens their self-assessment. It is vital to give our children opportunities to talk about their maths in order for them to articulate their thinking and reasoning. Misconceptions come to light when reasoning is spoken aloud.

Maths Talk' Counts is a West Berkshire Summer Holiday Challenge aimed at getting all children in West Berkshire talking about mathematics.

In our **'Maths Talk' Counts Summer Challenge**, the activities are grouped by year group curriculum objectives: Year 1 – Year 6. Depending on your child's ability and confidence, select the activities best suited for your child.

There are 31 activities for the 31 days during the month of August. You may choose to work in chronological date order or not. Shade in each date as your child completes. Once completed, email a scanned copy or a photo of calendar to kavash.bamfield1@westberks.gov.uk by Friday, 11 September 2020.

Winners

- All entries will be put into a draw where a winner from every year group will be randomly chosen.
- Each winner will receive a £20 Amazon voucher.
- ****When emailing your calendar to kavash.bamfield1@westberks.gov.uk, please put your child's initials, school name and year group in the subject line ****

YOU CAN ACCESS THE MATHEMATICS CALENDAR FROM YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WEBSITE

Summer Writing Challenge 2020

Complete the fun writing challenges below and enter a prize draw to win some wonderful prizes.

What could you win?

Age 5-7 (Yr 1-2) – WINNER £50 book bundle and writing set /£10 book vouchers for 5 runners up

Age 7-11 (Yr 3-6) – WINNER Amazon Kindle / £10 book vouchers for 5 runners up

West Berkshire School Improvement Team.
Summer Writing Challenge
Years 1-6 (ages 6-11)

Summer Writing Challenge 2020

★ Write a silly story about a talking animal.	★ Create a menu for a new ice cream shop and see if you can think of some new, delicious flavours. Why not design some revolting ones too?!	★ Create a secret code and write a coded message.
★ Make your own postcard and send it to someone in your family.	★ Go for a lovely walk and see if you can find things that start with all the different letters of the alphabet e.g. A is for ant and B is for butterfly.	★ Write a list of all the things you would like to do this summer.
★ Write an imaginary story about finding a magic seashell. What magic powers will it have?	★ Write some instructions on how to make your favourite sandwich.	
★ Think of a fairy tale you know and turn it into a comic strip.	★ Write a poem about summer.	★ Design and make an invitation to a party.
	★ Write and send a letter to a friend or relative.	
★ Design your very own sports game and write a set of instructions about how to play it.	★ Write a thank-you card to someone.	★ Design a poster which features three ways to be kind to others.

This summer we are running an exciting writing challenge for children aged 5-11 across West Berkshire.

There are lots of prizes to be won including an Amazon Kindle, £50 book bundle and writing set, and £10 book vouchers.

To enter, the children need to complete 15 fun writing challenges, take pictures of their work and email, them with an entry form, to Rebecca.mccormack1@westberks.gov.uk by Friday 25th September 2020.

Entries will then be entered into a prize draw with the winners being announced on Friday 2nd October.



Park House School Computing Hub Summer School Proposal – Year 5 and 6 Pupils in West Berkshire

The Computing Hub are inviting current year 5 and 6 pupils to take part in the following projects during the summer break. There are two projects which pupils can take part in. They can opt to take part in just one or both of these experiences:

1. Fitness and wellbeing – pupils will create three different programmable devices using the microbit including a step counter and a heart rate monitor. They will also create a lovable micropet to support them with well-being and a reminder for staying hydrated.
2. Environment and the outdoors – pupils will create a selfie-taking device to take a beautiful outdoor picture with nature, create an anti-poaching collar and a species counter so they can record frequencies of animals in their area.

All of these experiences will be delivered synchronously to pupils and will enable them to take their learning and their programmed device into the outdoors. For each task there will be an opportunity to share what they have found when taking the tech outdoors using a collaborative platform. Pupils will be able to enter their data in a shared spreadsheet so that they can carry out further data analysis.

In summary this is an experience of a pupil through each of these 6 individual activities:

- Complete a small survey to share their current knowledge
- Take part in a synchronous learning session to code their microbit
- Use the PDF activity sheet with basic instructions on what to do outside with their programmed device
- Share their images of experiences and any data through the shared spreadsheet
- Take part in the extension activity where they can carry out data analysis on the full cohort's collected data

For more details and to enrol in this project parent should please see the flyers below or contact Pete Marshman pmarshman1@parkhouseschool.org

PARK HOUSE SCHOOL COMPUTING HUB PRESENTS

CODE IN, KEEP FIT, LOVE NATURE SUMMER SCHOOL



PROVIDED BY THE PARK HOUSE
SCHOOL NCCE COMPUTING HUB
& WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL



- Receive a micro:bit programmable device
- Code your micro:bit indoors
- Take it outdoors to keep fit and explore nature
- Create a micro:pet, step-counter, species-counter and much more!
- Delivered by experienced Computing teachers

Consists of six webinars and six tech support sessions
The micro:bit can be programmed from a laptop, tablet or PC

OPEN TO 10-11 YEAR OLDS

STARTS MONDAY 10TH AUGUST

Book your place at <https://bit.ly/microsummer>

Fitness & Wellbeing

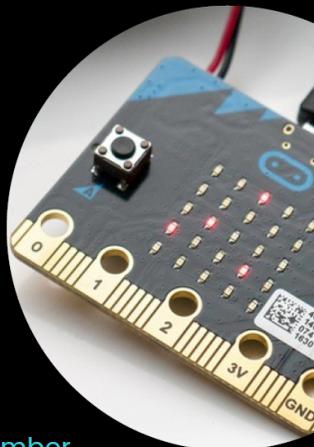
- 10th August | 10am: Create a step-counter
- 12th August | 10am: Create a heart rate monitor
- 14th August | 10am: Create a digital pet

Environment & Nature

- 17th August | 10am: Create a selfie-taking device
- 19th August | 10am: Create an anti-poaching collar
- 21st August | 10am: Create a species counter

11am: Zoom on-screen support on each day

This Summer School provides an opportunity for
children to catch up with Computing ready for September



Park House School is a Centre of Excellence for Computing, CAS Community & Digital Schoolhouse
www.parkhousehub.org | teachcomputing@parkhouseschool.org

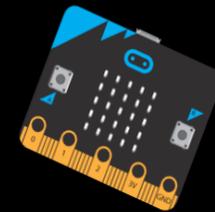


PARK HOUSE SCHOOL COMPUTING HUB PRESENTS

CODE IN, KEEP FIT, LOVE NATURE

SUMMER SCHOOL

EXPERIENCE 1: KEEP FIT - STEP COUNTER



Step 1:

Follow to quick start webinar to setup
your micro:bit and get be ready to
code

bit.ly/microsummer/quickstartpc
(laptop and PC guide)

bit.ly/microsummer/quickstartmac
(macbook guide)

bit.ly/microsummer/quicstarttab
(tablet guide)

Step 2:

Let's create a variable (a number
that will change) and set it to 0. This
will record how many steps you take.



Each time the battery is
disconnected the counter will reset
to 0

Step 3:

Next we'll add an on shake
command. The accelerometer in
your micro:bit will detect when you
move and will add 1 steps.



The show number command will
display the number of steps you
have take using the led lights

Get creative!

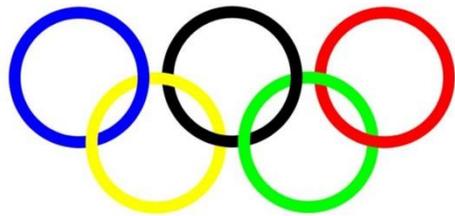
How will you attach the micro:bit to
your clothing?

How can you protect it from damage
if it falls off?

Can you find some materials around
the house to solve this? Maybe some
masking tape, some card, a paper
clip or maybe something else?

West Berkshire Schools Sports Partnership

'The Road to Tokyo' – summer 2020 Programme



Following the success of the Virtual Berkshire School Games, the West Berkshire School Sports Partnership is now offering a six-week virtual summer holiday programme focused on the importance of staying active and supporting physical and mental wellbeing. With the postponement of the Tokyo 2020 we feel this is the perfect opportunity to bring some Olympic and Paralympic spirit into West Berkshire through the Summer holidays!

The resource will include 6 challenges and activities linked to Tokyo which pupils can complete throughout the Summer Holidays. Examples of activities include 'virtually' covering the distance to Tokyo, online Yoga and Dance, a fitness workout using Japanese numbers, trying out a new Olympic/Paralympic Sport, the history of the Olympics and "Living the Values" challenges themed around the Olympic and Paralympic values of friendship, courage, determination, excellence, equality, inspiration and respect.

A West Berkshire "Road to Tokyo" certificate signed by 2012 Olympic Rowing Gold Medallist Kat Copeland will be available to any pupil who takes part in any of the challenges. Kat will also be producing an inspirational introductory video for all participants.

For enrolment details parents and carers should contact jmandry@parkhouseschool.org





BEST VERSION OF ME!

Ever fancied being mentored by an International Rugby Coach?

Ever wondered what it takes to think like a champion?

Are you aged between 14-18 and living in West Berkshire?
If so, you can join our FREE personal development programme.

Written and designed by Phil Davies, International Rugby Coach, Derek Peale and Berkshire Youth. Funded by Greenham Trust.

OUR COURSE COVERS:

DEVELOPING A CHAMPION MINDSET | LEADERSHIP | DECISION MAKING
EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION | PROBLEM SOLVING | TEAM BUILDING

DATE	DURATION	VENUE
22nd July - 26th August Every Wednesday (1.5 hours)	6 WEEKS: 1.5 HOURS Wednesdays 11 - 12:30pm	Virtual - Zoom (link will be sent out on sign up)

TO REGISTER FOR YOUR PLACE OR FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE FILL IN THE CONSENT FORM AND RETURN IT TO [KATE.ARMITAGE@BERKSHIREYOUTH.CO.UK](mailto:kate.armitage@berkshireyouth.co.uk)



We are very aware that many young people are struggling to maintain focus during lockdown so we are very pleased to announce a fantastic virtual programme that your young people can take part in over the summer holidays to keep them engaged and ensure they come back to school with a 'champion mindset'!

Written and designed by Phil Davies - International Rugby Coach, Derek Peale - Park House School Headteacher and Berkshire Youth, this programme explores the concept of 'what makes a champion'. The programme delves into self-leadership, decision making, effective communication and problem solving and aims to bring together a group of young people from across West Berkshire to start a journey together into personal development.

The journey will start and finish with a 1-1 session with one of Berkshire Youth's youth workers with 6 virtual sessions in between exploring key concepts as well as encouraging team working and discussions. The young people may choose to continue mentoring sessions with our youth workers after the programme and will have the opportunity to take part in further programmes once this programme has been completed such as joining our leadership academy, volunteering opportunities and youth achievement awards.

Please see attached poster and consent form for the programme. Please note, spaces are limited on this programme and young people will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The programme has a very tight deadline and all consent forms will need to be sent to kate.armitage@berkshireyouth.co.uk by 20th July as the programme will start on Wednesday 22nd. This programme is funded by Greenham Trust.

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

Schools Newsletter | July 2020 *special edition*



Picture, above: These free summer crafts, which link to Shaw House garden and bug hotel, will be available online, every Wednesday throughout the summer.

Summer craft activities

Given the current government guidelines in regards to social distancing, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the summer holiday craft days at both Shaw House (Wednesday) and the Museum (Friday). Instead, we will be posting a craft activity, using only basic craft materials, on the Facebook pages of both venues on the usual day of the craft activity. The post will also provide a link to free and downloadable instructions (pdf) as well as a link to a 'how to' video on West Berkshire Heritage's YouTube channel. Other free family resources can be found here:

<https://www.westberkshireheritage.org/life-long-learning>

Please feel free to forward this newsletter and any of the other attached pdf documents to your pupils' families.



This special edition of the newsletter is to let you know about the short story competition we'll be launching for the summer. We would very much appreciate it if you would let your pupils and their families know about this competition, and we hope some of you will use this as a homework assignment for over the holidays.

Clare Bromley
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Short story competition

We're running an exciting short story competition for young people. It's a chance for young writers to create their own story inspired by eight very different museum objects, including an Ancient Egyptian ushabti and a Medieval casket key (pictured, bottom left).

We will include some basic information about each object, but the young writers can have fun finding out more. The challenge is to include every object in the narrative.

The winning entries and a few other selected stories will be showcased in a special exhibition in Gallery 5 of West Berkshire Museum in September, and all displayed entries will receive a 50% discount on one item in the museum gift shop. The overall winners and runners-up will also receive one item from the gift shop.

The deadline for all entries is 4pm on Thursday 20th August 2020.

Full information (including a downloadable pdf), a 'top tips for short story writing' factsheet (pdf) as well as the terms and conditions for the short story competition can be found here:

<https://www.westberkshireheritage.org/life-long-learning>

WEST BERKSHIRE MUSEUM

West Berkshire Museum short story competition 2020

Calling all young budding writers to get ready and get your #WriteOn!

This summer West Berkshire Museum are running an exciting short story competition for young people. It's a chance for young writers to create their own story inspired by eight very different museum objects (pictured below). We have included some basic information about each object, but you can have fun finding out more about them. Your story can be a maximum of 500 words in length and of any genre, such as science fiction, mysteries and detective, or fairy tales and myths, to name but a few. Whatever the genre, the challenge is to include every object in the narrative – let your imagination run wild! If you're not certain how to start your story, please see the 'top tips for short story writing' factsheet.

There will be two categories: 7-11 years, and 12-16 years. One entry per writer.

Please submit your entry by email to clare.bromley@westberks.gov.uk including your name, age, title of your story, word count, and a contact email and/or telephone number of a parent/carer. Alternatively, you can drop in your entry at the museum reception desk (addressed to the Learning and Participation Officer).

The winning entries from each category and a few other select stories will be showcased in a special exhibition in Gallery 5 of West Berkshire Museum in September. All exhibited stories will receive a 50% discount on one item in the museum gift shop. The first prize and runner-up competition winners will be awarded one item from the West Berkshire Museum gift shop up to the value of £20. **The deadline for all entries is 4pm on Thursday 20th August 2020.**

Good luck budding writers! #SpinaYarn #MuseumStories #CuratingTales #YoungCurators

Terms and conditions:

The judges' decision is final. The unrestricted rights to publish, print and display any of the competition entries will be held and retained by West Berkshire Heritage.

First row from left to right:

Ancient Egyptian ushabti figure, about 3000 years old. They were usually placed in the tombs of the deceased. Where does this appear in your story?

Stag beetle brooch decorated with turquoise beads. Perhaps this a clue or hidden treasure?

Roman thumb pot, found in Thatcham, that contained a coin. It is thought it might have been used as a child's rattle. Perhaps you find evidence this is true?

Clockwork gramophone player manufactured by HMV in the late 1920s. The oak base has a drawer for storing records. Does one of its records play a secret message?

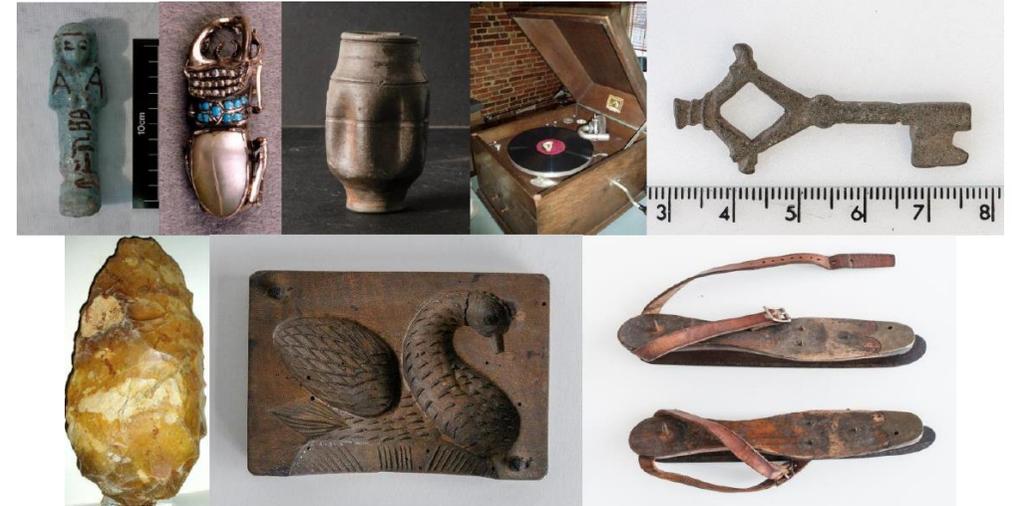
Small medieval casket key. What does this key unlock?

Second row from left to right:

A hand axe made from flint and dating from the early Stone Age. How will you use this tool in your story?

Half of a two-piece wooden mould, used for shaping butter. Do you use this item as it was intended or in a very different way?

Wood and metal ice skates that were put over top of shoes or boots, about 150 years old. How might these be useful to your story?



West Berkshire Library Service



[The 2020 digital Summer Reading Challenge is now live!](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

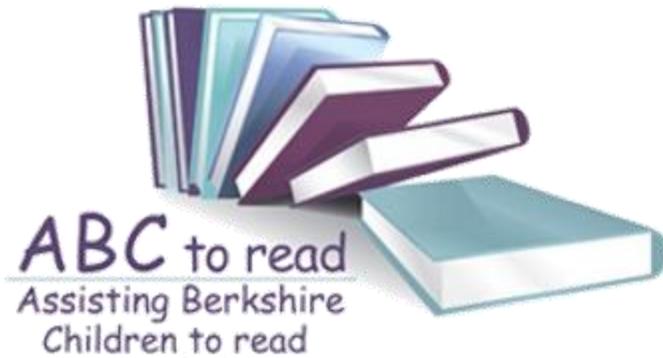
The theme for this year's challenge is 'Silly Squad': a celebration of funny books, happiness and laughter. Children can sign up to take part at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>. When they do so, they will need to include an email address for a parent or carer. Their parent/carer will then be contacted by The Reading Agency and will need to sign up on their own account and give permission for their child to take part in order to complete the registration process. Please note that

as part of their sign up, children need to create their own, unique UserName and to select West Berkshire as their place of residence. However, no personal names are used on the public website.

For the digital challenge, children can set their own reading targets regarding the number of books they hope to read before September. This can be as few or as many as families think practical, although we recommend 6 books as usual. The books don't need to be library books - they can be books from home, from school or anywhere else, including e-books and audiobooks. As they progress through the digital challenge and rate and review their books, children will unlock a range of games, quizzes and exciting video content. A downloadable certificate will be available to anyone who completes their challenge and perhaps this is something that your pupils may like to bring into school in the autumn? There is also a [School Zone](#) on the Summer Reading Challenge website, where you can find downloadable activities and other resources to help inspire your pupils to read for pleasure. Once our Order and Collect service is operational, families will be able to request books from us, either online or by telephoning their local library. For those who are unable to take part in the digital **Summer Reading Challenge**, we will have a simple, printed form that they can complete with details of any 6 books that they have read this summer. Certificates will also be available for those who return completed forms to us - but sorry, there are no medals or other prizes this year!

I do hope that your pupils will enjoy this year's challenge and that you find it useful. Throughout the summer, West Berkshire Libraries will continue with our own programme of online events and activities for children as well, which include digital Story times on Fridays and weekly book-related craft activities. For more details about all of these and to keep up with other library news, please follow WBerks Libraries on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#).

Jacqueline Cooper- Children and Communities Librarian



ABC to READ

We know that now is a time of great challenge for schools, all accepting an increasing number of children back at different rates and since lockdown our volunteers have not been able to carry out their usual 1-1 sessions but are hoping that they will all return in September.

As a charity we are pleased to advise you that we have an army of our trained volunteers who are prepared to help schools should any decide to run any activities or additional classes this term and over the summer months before the new school year. Our volunteers have enhanced DBS checks, references and have gone through safeguarding training and are very effective in engaging struggling and reluctant readers. Although we do not have any of our own activities planned we are aware that there are many talks around education with proposals to run summer camps and to bring in external help for those children who need the extra support due to the lockdown and we hope that our own volunteers will be available to assist you in those. We also have volunteers helping out with adapting their sessions via Zoom. This may be just a simple storytelling and comprehension.

We would like to carry on with our charity objectives and ensure young people are not losing out as a result of the virus and continue to support children's early language and communication skills during this period of change. Please do let us know if you would like your volunteer or an additional volunteer to help you create a safe environment and help your children to adapt to their new routines. We are happy to follow your schools' protocol and be guided by our schools.

Contact info@abctoread.org.uk for more information

A Flying Start to School



Active Children

- Running, climbing and jumping develops physical skills
- Drawing, jigsaws and craft gets ready for writing
- Be active for 3 hrs a day (NHS advice)
- Limit technology and TV time

Inquisitive Children

- Follow your child's interests
- Discuss what you see, hear, feel, smell and taste
- Count, sort and measure in everyday activities.
- Explore nature and get out in the fresh air



Flying Start
0-5 years

Healthy Children

- Involve your child in cooking healthy meals
- Visit the dentist and help them brush their teeth
- 11 hours of sleep at night recommended (NHS)
- Encourage your child to be independent when going to the toilet and washing hands

Social Children

- Play games together
- Model language to help children describe their emotions
- Mix with other families and children
- Make meal times a time to talk

For more information click the link:

www.westberks.gov.uk/flyingstart

Accelerate your child's learning from the ground up....

Chat and sing to your child
Give lots of cuddles, smiles and praise
Join the library and look at books together
Play together inside and outside



Starting school is a significant milestone in a child's life. So what can you do as a parent to help your child prepare? Parents are a child's first teacher and from when a child is first born parents can have a huge impact on a child's development. The Flying Start to School poster outlines some of the essential skills and experiences a child needs to be exposed to by the age of 5 years old. For more information (**Please note, do not engage in activities that go against the current government Coronavirus guidance**)

West Berkshire EYFS Summer Challenge (2-5 years) -Making memories for life

“Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children” (Charles R Swindoll)

Any adult involved in a child’s life wants to be part of making special moments they will remember forever. Why not see how many memorable moments you can create this summer by trying our Early Years Summer Challenge? You may wish to colour the memories as you complete them. To enter the prize draw email a photograph of one of the memories you have made from our challenge to Kirstie.hanson@westberks.gov.uk. Please remember to state if you give your consent for us to post your photograph entry on the Family Information Service Facebook page or you would prefer to keep the entry private. The draw closes on Monday 31st August 2020. Have fun together and we look forward to seeing all the lifetime memories you have made with one another this summer.

West Berkshire EYFS Summer Challenge (2-5 years) – Making memories for life

- Make a volcano out of baking soda, vinegar and red food colouring.
- Make a sock puppet and put on a puppet show.
- Set up a shop and invite people in your house to be your customers.
- Make a model from recyclable materials.
- Help prepare a tea party picnic and share it with your family.
- Make a picture with natural objects eg. petals, sticks, stones.
- Think of how many ways you can move your body e.g. hop, skip, jump, roll.
- Plant a seed and watch it grow.
- Play hide and seek.
- Do a jigsaw.
- Play your favourite board games with your family.
- Create a collage from old magazines.
- Make hand shadows.
- Build a den indoors or outside.
- Help cook a meal for your family.
- Sing your favourite songs and rhymes.
- Design an obstacle course.
- Share your favourite stories and think of a different ending.
- Make mud pies.
- Challenge yourself to identify items by smell.
- Make a large box into a playhouse.
- Copy each other's rhythms on a toy drum/saucepan and wooden spoon.
- Make your own cinema at home and watch your favourite film with your family.
- Sprinkle a thin layer of salt/sugar on a tray/plate. Make marks, pictures or letter shapes with your finger.
- Practise kicking, throwing, hitting and catching a ball.
- Go outside and explore nature. Take a photograph of something you discovered.
- Play dress-up and act out a play.
- Count, sort and measure everyday items around the house.