



Highwood Primary School

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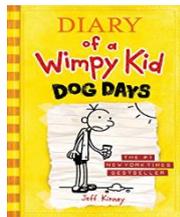
Cathy Cox – Head Teacher

Friday 19th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 4,

This summer we would like your child to try some short activities during their break: this will help with their transition from one year group to the next.

We request that you encourage your child to read widely over the holidays; either at home or perhaps visit the library to take on the Summer Reading Challenge (<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>). This year it has a space theme to celebrate 50 years since the first moon landing. They could carry out book reviews of these books or draw pictures of their favourite moment. You may also wish to join the website Toppsta to be in with a chance of winning a free book: <https://toppsta.com/>! They will have the opportunity to share these when they come back to school.



We would like your child to keep a diary of their holidays. This can include people and places that they have visited or things that they have done over a two-week period. It can be from any time during the holidays. Their diary can have a decorated front cover and can be designed in any way your child likes. We look forward to seeing these in the new term, and your child will have the opportunity to share what they have done in the first week back.

You may also wish to help your child to practise the four rules of number: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, by setting mini quizzes for them. The written methods that we use at Highwood are explained here:

<https://highwood.herts.sch.uk/parents/curriculum/mathematics/> and also some methods are shown on our school's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCepuj4RAzr1tI225EjFpx9Q> .

It is also a good idea to practise working out some sums mentally. You can use the fun websites: <https://trockstars.com/login> and https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in or if you have forgotten your password: <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z826n39> .

Don't forget the Highwood Bucket list – we are looking forward to seeing your photos in September!

Thank you for your support this year; It has been a pleasure to teach your children and we wish them the very best in Year 5.

Enjoy a relaxing and stimulating summer break!

Miss Mazhar and Mr Marshall

