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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 5,

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

We would like your children to keep a diary of their holidays. They can include people and places that they visit or things that they have done over a two-week period, any time during the holidays. Their diary can have a decorated front cover and can be designed in any way your child likes.

We also request that you encourage your children to read widely over the holidays either at home or perhaps visit the library to take on their Summer Reading Challenge, which, this year, has a space theme to celebrate 50 years since the first moon landing. We will also send home some book reviews that your children can complete and then share when they come back to school into Year 6.

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/UCepuj4RAzr1tlZ25EjFpx9Q> . It is also a good idea to practise working out some sums mentally. You can use the fun websites:

<https://ttrockstars.com/login> and https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in or if you have forgotten your password: <https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/z826n39> .

We are aware that the 11-plus consortium test will be the first weekend after we come back to school so we are hoping that these activities might support your child to ensure that they are still learning during their time at home and keeping up their excellent progress this year.

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 6.

Mrs Keith and Mr Willimott

