



# Reception Summer Holiday Ideas



## Daily activities

- Holiday diary (make your own format or keep it in a special book)
- update the calendar daily
- reading tricky words, key words, reciting the alphabet, recapping the phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs
- counting forwards and backwards to 20 / 100 and counting in 2's, 5's, 10's.
- What's in the box game ; Find a special bag / box and put something interesting inside for your child to ask questions and to find out what it is. Once your child has got used to the game see if they can choose something interesting to put in the box and you can ask them questions about the item to try and guess what it is.

## Themes and learning :

### Our time in Koalas, Polars and Pandas

- Write a letter / card to one of your friends from you class.
- Draw a picture for a friend from your class.
- Complete the 'Reflecting on our time in Reception sheet.' Think of memories that you have really enjoyed whist being in Reception.
- Create a tally chart with Koala, Polar and Panda on it - over the week ask your friends and family which is their favourite and see which is the most popular at the end of the week.
- Find out about the different environments that Koalas, Polars and Pandas live in - is anything the same or different?
- Have a teddy bears picnic - write invitations, menus, make the sandwiches to have in your garden.

**Thirst for Knowledge :** Our Class Animals - Carry out a mini project about one of the class animals. Find out facts / make some art work.

### Ice cream

- Make a survey to find out what flavour ice cream people in your house / your friends like best.
- Make an ice cream sundae menu/recipe, be as creative as you can - add prices on for each of the items on your menu.
- Design an ice cream role play ; make pretend ice creams and price them up for people to come and buy.

- Design your perfect ice cream.
- Find out how ice cream is made - have a look online for videos or facts about how you make ice cream.

**Thirst for Knowledge** : Create a Summer scene - it could be a picture or some writing about Summer, a model or maybe even some baking or cooking (e.g. a picnic)

### **Adventures**

- Look over photos from past adventures you have been on and talk about places that you have been to and where you would like to go to next.
- Write sentences about a photo you have found.
- Pretend you are going on an adventure in the garden and pack your bag for a day out. Make a map for where you will explore in your garden.
- House number bingo - go on a walk with a piece of paper with numbers on - if you spot a house with any of the numbers on your sheet cross it off.

**Thirst for Knowledge**: Unordinary Adventures - Design your own imaginary adventure to somewhere unknown ; space, the bottom on the ocean, an imaginary jungle or desert.

### **Superhero's on holiday**

- Design your own superhero and write about his/her special powers.
- Write a list of things that your superhero would take on holiday.
- Write a letter to your superhero asking them about their holiday.
- Design and make an accessory for a super hero.
- Cut out some shapes and see if you can make your own shape superhero - can you name the shapes, what would your superhero be called?

**Thirst for Knowledge**: Superhero - Build your own superhero.

### **British wildlife in the summer**

- Go on a wildlife spotting adventure and write a list of all the different types of creatures you see.
- Make some animal homes in your garden / feeders to look after the animals.
- Lay in your garden and listen to the sounds. Write down what you think you can hear.
- Play 'who am I' using British wildlife - e.g. I can climb up trees, I have a bushy tail, I like to eat seeds and nuts.

- Scavenger hunt in the garden ; go on a walk either in your garden or elsewhere and see if you can find something ;

1) Smooth 2) Shiny 3) Rough 4) Blue 5) Spikey 6) Transparent 7) Long

Repeat the activity thinking of your own words for things that you would like your child to find.

**Thirst for Knowledge:** Your favourite British wild animal - create a picture, model, writing, poem about your favourite British wild animal.

### **Transition back to school and into Year 1.**

- Complete the 'Transition into Year 1' sheet. Thinking about what you are good at and what you are looking forward to doing when you are in your new class.
- Write a letter to your new teacher saying hello and telling them something about yourself or what you have been doing in the summer holidays.
- Draw a picture for your new teacher to take to school on your first day back.
- Print out a picture of yourself or draw a picture of yourself and add a speech bubble - in your speech bubble write some of the things that you like to do - your favourite food or anything else you would like to share with your new teacher about you.

**Thirst for Knowledge:** Reassuring words - make up a song / poem / rhyme / draw a poster to help settle your friends nerves if they are feeling nervous about returning to school and going into Year 1.

### **Websites :**

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> Sign up to the summer reading challenge and have access to e-lending services for books, activities, magazines and games as well as forums to make book recommendations.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/> Use the Oxford Owl website and explore the 'kids activities' area for free resources. Sign up for free.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/3> Phonics Play for interactive online phonics games. Pick the phase that you would like your child to work on.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> Use this website to find an array of different activities for across the curriculum.

Additional websites for books, some of these are also told in different languages. Your child might quite enjoy hearing a story they are familiar with but in a different language.

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

<https://uk.mantralingua.com/>

<https://globalstorybooks.net/>

<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

<https://mailchi.mp/talk4writing/home-school-booklets>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga> Enjoy some calming yoga and storytelling with Cosmic Yoga.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siVkJXoEQDNc&t=10s> Letters and Sounds Reception phonics teaching.

#### **Additional Activities :**

- There are addition and subtraction blank sheets for you to practise these operations as much as you like. Simply generate your own numbers to put in the box and see if your child can work them out. Feel free to go beyond 20 and your child could use a 100 number grid to work out the equations. An additional way to make the task more challenging is to see if your child can solve a missing number problem e.g  $17 - ? = 15$ , you will need to fill in some of the numbers for your child and see if they can solve the problem.
- Summer Themed Activity Booklet - This is a mixture of activities that your child might like to do at different points of the holiday. There are dot-to-dots, phonics activities, maths activities and even colouring in.
- Summer Themed Maths Activity Booklet - This is focusing on different maths concepts and your child might like to work through this.

**Happy holidays from the Reception Team. We miss you lots and look forward to welcoming you back soon 😊**