

Ideas to promote **literacy** over the summer.



Year 6 Induction 2019
New Parents Evening



Did you know...

In order to be successful, thrive in school, and later in life, the average person should have a vocabulary of:

50 000 words

READING
not just for school . . .
but for life

Did you know...

BUT

80% of everyday speech is only made up of:

2000 words

READING
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but for life

75%?



_____ is marking a _____ on a measuring _____. This involves _____ the relationship between _____ of a measuring _____ and _____ or _____, which must be _____. For example, placing a _____ in melting ice to see whether it reads zero, to check it has been _____ correctly.

95%?



_____ is marking a scale on a measuring instrument. This involves establishing the relationship between indications of a measuring instrument and standard or reference values, which must be applied. For example, placing a thermometer in melting ice to see whether it reads zero, to check it has been _____ correctly.

We need to ensure that students are able to access the curriculum effectively.

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The most important words for students to learn are:

Tier 1 words (basic everyday words)

Tier 2 words (words used in writing)

Tier 3 words (specific words for a subject) -
circumference/enzyme/oxymoron/tectonic

The *Summer Slump*:

- Children can passively lose two months of reading skills over the summer
- It takes an average of six weeks for children to relearn what they've lost, come the autumn term — that's just to get them back to where they were before the holidays
- The Summer Slump affects **all** children, from pre-schoolers right up to preteens



Recommended reading lists – Please see
handout.

Vocabulary Gap worksheet – Please see
handout.

NB. These handouts are just starting points not a
comprehensive list.

How to keep your children 'topped up' with literacy this summer

- Reading skills – *see handouts*
- Writing skills
- Vocabulary expansion – *see handouts*
- Useful websites

Suggestions for developing key READING skills:

- Help your child to find books they will enjoy by joining a public library.
- Get your child to skim read a recipe and tell you the basic steps.
- Ask your child to find something out for you by reading a newspaper article or webpage.
- Ask your child to read out the menu on holiday
- Encourage your child to work out what an unfamiliar word means by getting them to read the rest of the sentence or paragraph and look for clues.
- Ask your child to read you a report from a newspaper regarding their favourite football team or sportsperson.
- Graphic novels and comics can often engage even the most reluctant of readers.
- If there are magazines that reflect an area of interest, then taking out a subscription is not a bad idea.

By exploring real world matters, *The Week Junior* equips young people with the skills to think critically, learn about the world around them and ask questions. It gives context to what they learn in the classroom – and encourages them to look further



**Suggestions for
applying WRITING
skills:**

Encourage your child to write cards, invitations, emails and letters, so writing for different purposes becomes second nature.

Test your child on spellings, and encourage them to look up definitions of unfamiliar vocabulary in a dictionary.

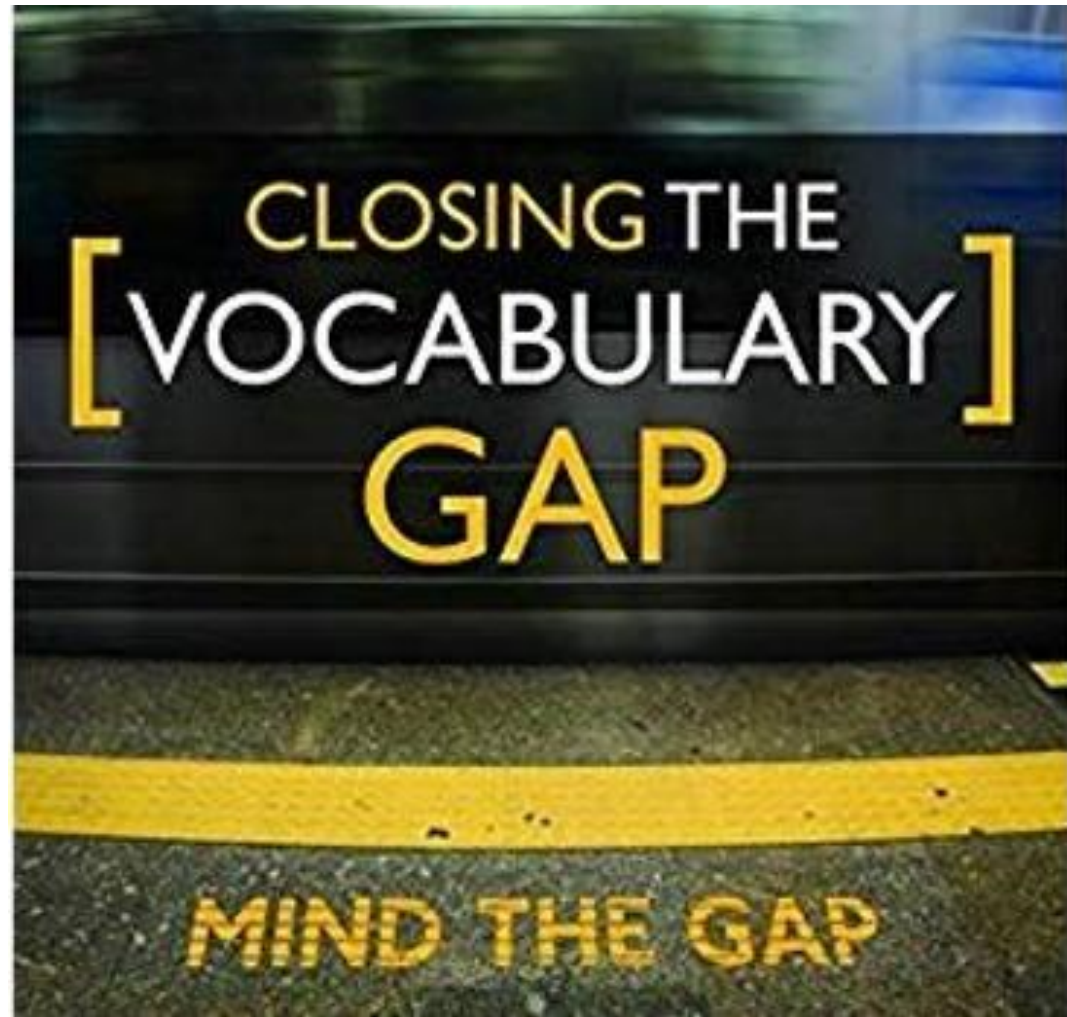
Ask your child to write the shopping list; a 'What to pack' list or a 'To Do' list for you.

Ask your child to read something you have written and ask their opinion. If it's not perfect, so much the better. Making changes in what you write confirms for the child that revision is a natural part of writing, which it is.

Dictate a few lines from a story or newspaper article to your child, then check their spelling.

... we must give our students the necessary tools to develop their vocabulary independently.

Teaching vocabulary and reading for pleasure should mutually reinforce one another.



Vocabulary Builder - Emotions

Adverbs to replace <u>'Angrily'</u>	Adverbs to replace <u>'happily'</u>	Adverbs to replace <u>'excitedly'</u>
Irrately	Blissfully	Eagerly





Adjectives to replace <u>'tired'</u>	Adjectives to replace <u>'happy'</u>	Adjectives to replace <u>'sad'</u>
Fatigued	Contented	Miserable

Useful websites

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/0/>

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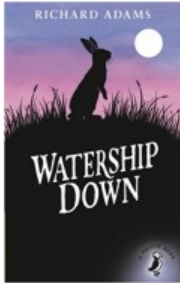
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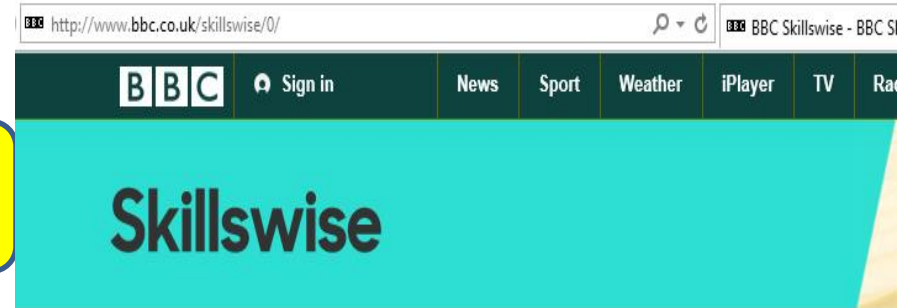
Watership Down
by Richard Adams
Penguin
Young rabbit Fiver is convinced that a great evil is about to befall the warren where he lives - but no one will listen to him.
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Noughts and Crosses
by Malorie Blackman
Random House
Callum is a Nought but his best friend Sephy is a Cross - the daughter of

A closer look.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/0/>



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Different skill options available:

The screenshot shows the Skillswise website interface. At the top, the logo "Skillswise" is displayed in white on a dark blue background, with the tagline "English & maths for adults" to its right. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for "Home", "Reading", "Writing", "Spelling", "Word grammar", "Sentence grammar", and "Spe". The main content area is titled "English" and includes the subtitle "Practical literacy skills for adults. Choose a topic area." Below this, there are six blue rectangular buttons, each representing a different skill area. Each button contains a small image, a title, and a brief description of the skill.

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