



**To Parents of girls in Year 5**

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Dear Parents and girls in Year 5

**Summer holiday homework**

It was really good to see you all at parents' evening this week. Many parents asked about what they could do to help over the holidays. The most important piece of on-going revision is to read and talk about books. This helps your vocabulary, sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and spelling and gives you descriptions for characters and settings and ideas for stories. Please try to read at least two books over the holiday and be prepared to discuss what you read or share your book review.

You should complete a comprehension each week from the purple comprehension book that you have been using this term. The comprehensions are interesting and varied and will encourage closer reading of the text. These would be best discussed with an adult as immediate feedback and conversation about the extracts are ideal. I will post the answers on the website next week.

The Entrance Exams to some Senior Schools will be a little longer with more detailed answers required. We will look at these styles of question in depth in September and will practise them weekly.

If you feel like getting a head start, please consider purchasing one or both of the following books:

English ISEB Revision Guide by Susan Elkin ISBN 9780903627573  
English Practice Exercises 11+ by Andrew Hammond ISBN 9780903627696.

Both are available from: [www.galorepark.co.uk](http://www.galorepark.co.uk)

The English Revision Guide gives example answers as well as a revision section on punctuation, grammar and spelling. I have the answers available electronically for the English Practice Exercises which I will make available via the website.

Please learn the attached list of spellings that are so often spelt incorrectly

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail.

Yours sincerely

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# Holiday homework for Y5 to Y6

Please continue with your reading over the holidays and have a go at some book activities. You could design a new front cover, write an alternative blurb, draw a story map, write a book review, describe or draw your favourite setting or character, write a chapter or plot summary, list any new vocabulary you meet, write a letter to the author or a character. Make a list of the books that you read and bring your list of books and any reading activities back to school in September. You should be able to talk in interview about at least two books you have read.

## An A - Z of spellings for Y6

Here are 80 words that you should be able to spell every time in Y6.

Please practise these over the holiday.

|                     |                     |                     |                      |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>absolutely</b>   | <b>eerie</b>        | <b>neighbour</b>    | <b>separate</b>      |
| <b>actually</b>     | <b>embarrassed</b>  | <b>nervously</b>    | <b>sincerely</b>     |
| <b>aggressive</b>   |                     | <b>noise</b>        | <b>suddenly</b>      |
| <b>anxious</b>      | <b>favourite</b>    | <b>noisily</b>      | <b>successful</b>    |
| <b>argued</b>       | <b>fortunately</b>  |                     |                      |
| <b>argument</b>     |                     | <b>occasionally</b> | <b>thoroughly</b>    |
| <b>awkward</b>      | <b>gorgeous</b>     | <b>occurred</b>     |                      |
|                     | <b>grateful</b>     |                     | <b>unfortunately</b> |
| <b>beautiful</b>    | <b>guessed</b>      | <b>panic</b>        | <b>unnecessary</b>   |
| <b>believed</b>     |                     | <b>panicked</b>     | <b>usually</b>       |
| <b>bewildered</b>   | <b>hurried</b>      | <b>particularly</b> |                      |
|                     |                     | <b>patiently</b>    | <b>vehicle</b>       |
| <b>carefully</b>    | <b>imaginary</b>    |                     | <b>view</b>          |
| <b>character</b>    | <b>immediately</b>  | <b>question</b>     | <b>vicious</b>       |
| <b>choosing</b>     | <b>interruption</b> | <b>queue</b>        |                      |
| <b>colourful</b>    |                     | <b>quivered</b>     | <b>wondered</b>      |
| <b>completely</b>   | <b>jewellery</b>    |                     | <b>wreck</b>         |
|                     |                     | <b>remembered</b>   |                      |
| <b>definitely</b>   | <b>knowledge</b>    | <b>replied</b>      | <b>exceptionally</b> |
| <b>delicious</b>    |                     | <b>responsible</b>  | <b>excitement</b>    |
| <b>desperate</b>    | <b>laughter</b>     | <b>ridiculous</b>   | <b>extremely</b>     |
| <b>disappeared</b>  | <b>loneliness</b>   |                     |                      |
| <b>disappointed</b> |                     | <b>scarily</b>      | <b>you're</b>        |
| <b>disastrous</b>   | <b>marriage</b>     | <b>scared</b>       |                      |
| <b>discussed</b>    | <b>marvellous</b>   | <b>scary</b>        | <b>zany</b>          |
| <b>disgust</b>      | <b>mischievous</b>  | <b>screamed</b>     |                      |

Please keep going with your reading comprehension book. Try to complete one a week in the holidays. Reading a passage, thinking about it, talking about it and answering questions on it will help you in your January exams.

**Calling all new Year 6s!**  
**It's the summer holidays!**  
**Here's a BONANZA of books to keep you busy!**

Listed below are some books you might enjoy. There is something here for everyone!

|                 |                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Almond, D       | Skellig                               |
| Ashley, B       | Little Soldier                        |
| Bawden, N       | The Peppermint Pig                    |
| Blackman, M     | Noughts and Crosses                   |
| Cavendish, G    | The Lady Grace Mysteries              |
| Colfer, E       | Artemis Fowl and sequels              |
| Dale, A         | Whispering to Witches                 |
| Dale, A         | Dawn Undercover                       |
| Di Mani, S      | The Last Elf                          |
| Dunmore, H      | Ingo and sequels                      |
| Fine, A         | Flour Babies                          |
| Funke, C        | Inkheart/Inkspell/Inkdeath            |
| Gaiman, N       | Coraline                              |
| Garfield, L     | Smith                                 |
| Golding, J      | The Diamond of Drury Lane and sequels |
| Hoffman, M      | Stravaganza                           |
| Holm, A         | I Am David                            |
| Lingard, J      | Across the Barricades                 |
| Montgomery, L M | Anne of Green Gables                  |
| Morpurgo, M     | Private Peaceful                      |
| Mussi, S        | The Door of No Return                 |
| Nimmo, J        | Midnight for Charlie Bone and sequels |
| Paolini, C      | Eragon                                |
| Paolini, C      | Eldest                                |
| Pierce, T       | The Protector of the Small series     |
| Pullman, P      | Ruby in the Smoke and sequels         |
| Pullman, P      | Once Upon a Time in the North         |
| Reeve, P        | Mortal Engines                        |
| Riordan, R      | Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief |
| Rowling, J K    | Harry Potter 1-7                      |
| Sachar, L       | Holes                                 |
| Stevenson, R L  | Treasure Island                       |
| Townsend, S     | The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole       |
| Westall, R      | The Machine Gunners                   |

**HAPPY READING!**

Choose any books off this list or any of your own choice and keep a record of what you have read over the holidays.

Choose any activity from the reading journal list such as write a book review, draw a story map, describe a setting or a character, write a plot summary or draw an alternative front cover.

We'll look at your list and your reading activities in September.

**ENJOY YOUR READING!!**

