

Summer Practise – planning for the best outcomes possible

Age Range: KS3

During the Home Learning provision, we have identified essential learning that would be most helpful whilst you are at home. If you would like to continue to work on these aspects during the summer holidays, we have collated some links that will be available on CATLive.co.uk for you to access. These will provide a way for you to support your child to become increasingly competent in those essentials. However, please be reassured, this is not an expectation! We simply want to provide some opportunities for those families who wish to take it up, for a little bit of extra practise.

TO KNOW BY THE END OF JULY (these were identified on the weekly Maths and English home learning overviews)
If all else fails, focus on these fundamentals and you will set your children up beautifully for return to school!

Reading

Read the common exception words for Years 5 and 6.

READ EVERY DAY! We cannot stress that enough!

Spelling

Automatic recall of spelling of Year 5 and 6 common exception words and practise the KS3 word list.

Maths

*Recall multiplication and division facts for the times tables up to 12x12, e.g. $6 \times 5 = 30$ $30 \div 5 = 6$ $30 \div 6 = 5$ as well as $60 \times 5 = 300$ and $0.6 \times 0.5 = 0.3$

*Recall prime numbers up to 50. A prime number is a number that is divisible only by itself and 1 (e.g. 2, 3, 5, 7, 11)

*Recognise square numbers up to 144. A square number is the product of a number multiplied by itself, e.g. $1 \times 1 = 1$, $2 \times 2 = 4$, $3 \times 3 = 9$, $4 \times 4 = 16$

Fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents for Year 7:

$\frac{1}{2}$	0.5	50%
$\frac{1}{4}$	0.25	25%
$\frac{1}{10}$	0.1	10%
$\frac{1}{5}$	0.2	20%
$\frac{1}{3}$	0.3	33.3%

Fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents for Year 8:

$\frac{1}{10}$	0.1	10%
$\frac{1}{5}$	0.2	20%
$\frac{1}{3}$	0.3	33.3%
$\frac{1}{100}$	0.01	1%
$\frac{1}{20}$	0.05	5%
$\frac{1}{8}$	0.125	0.125%

Spelling Principles

By the end of July, all children in Year 6 and above should know a variety of spelling principles in the National Curriculum which can be downloaded [here](#) (see p18 - 23). We would recommend you particularly focus on the homophones, p 21-22. All children should also be confidently spelling the word list for years 5 and 6 on p 23.

Practise these aspects of the spelling curriculum here:

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>

Select Years 5 and 6

Select from rules 48-62

Click play

Click practice / test

Click begin test

Click YES

The link below provides short clips to support with some of the common tricky spelling principles and ideas for memorising those tricky words.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbm2sq>

Common Exception Words

A great way to secure both spelling and reading of Common Exception Words is to use a dictation passage. Dictation passages are accessed via the Summer Practise section on CATLive, learners at KS3 should be able to read and spell the words the word from the Year 5/6 list (in bold) in these passages. You should read the passage aloud and pause on the **bold** words and allow enough time for your child to write it down. Any words that are misspelt should be your focus before they return to school.

Read, read and.....read some more!!

As we have said before, reading opens up the curriculum and a whole exciting world! On CATLive Summer Practise, you will find a Reading Log that can be used to support reading over the summer. Below are some links to suggest some great reads to access through your library or free online.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks3-pupils/> (with separate lists for Year 7, 8 and 9)

<https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/blog/60-great-books-for-reluctant-readers-at-ks3> (ideas for reluctant readers)

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/ks3>

<https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/year-groups/ks3/key-stage-3>

<https://openlibrary.org/>

Punctuation and Grammar

It is always useful to brush up on the punctuation and grammar knowledge. The links below are short learner guides provided by BBC bitesize to help keep the knowledge ticking over.

KS3 Punctuation

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zr6bxyc>

KS3 Grammar

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4hrt39>

Maths Practise and Flashbacks

White Rose Maths provide a series of 'Flashbacks', these are Powerpoints that provide quick recall with 3 or 4 simple questions per slide for children to attempt according to an area of Mathematical knowledge. These are particularly useful for recalling knowledge, identifying strengths and highlighting areas that need attention from the KS3 curriculum.

TTRockstars is a great website for continuing to practise quick recall of multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. Follow the link <https://trockstars.com/>

What next?

Teachers won't be responding to emails during the summer break but they will very much be looking forward to welcoming your children back in September – in line with the guidance that will be published.

As ever, we thank you for your ongoing support and positive messages during these strange and challenging times. We wish you all a restful summer when, above all, we hope the children will get lots of opportunities to be with the people they love, to go to places they have missed and enjoy being out in the fresh air. We CANNOT wait to see you all again!

With very best wishes,

The Castleman Academy Trust Team