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# English & Maths at Thorndown Primary School

Welcome to the last English and Maths newsletter of the year.

Here are a few ideas for things that you can do over the long summer holidays!

## Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice, collecting stickers and other rewards along the way - all FREE. For more information please see the website below or visit St. Ives Library.

<http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

## Read on, Get on!

Booktrust and Save the Children have teamed up to launch a new campaign called 'Read On. Get On'. The campaign's mission is to ensure, that by 2025, every child is a confident reader by the age of 11. Take a look at the website to get tips, quizzes and join the book club. There's something fun for children of all ages - and for adults too! Visit <http://readongeton.org.uk/>

## Oxford Owl

As a school we have recently signed up for e books through the Oxford Owl website. Oxford Owl is an award-winning website to help support children's learning, both at home and at school. It is packed with expert advice, top tips and activity ideas so you can help your child with reading and maths.

Please [click here](#) to access it and browse the fantastic resource.

## Skoolbo

During the summer holidays, Skoolbo will be updating their site and moving children across into their new classes., so it may be unavailable for a short while.

We're not sure when this work will be undertaken, but apart from that, Years 1-6 should be able to keep playing.

## Times Table Rockstars

TTRockstars will be available for children to use over the holiday. If any parents of Year 6 children would like for them to continue to use the site, there is the option for you to create a Family Account for up to 3 children at a cost of £7.20 for 12 months. [Click here](#) to find out more.

## Maths sites to explore

Here are a few other sites you can explore, with some great activities to try at home:

[Wild Maths](#) - A collection of mathematical games, activities and stories, encouraging you to think creatively. Great fun!

[A See Maths](#) - Three short videos written to give parents a range of mathematical games and puzzles to play with their children.

[Parallel Maths](#) - A site produced by Simon Singh, with challenges for older KS2 and above.

[Family Maths Toolkit](#) - Ideas for families to enjoy everyday maths together.

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## Did you know?

Each week during Celebration Assembly children from each class are awarded for being 'A Thorndown Super Writer'. Children from each class have the opportunity to display their work in the hall and receive a certificate. An overall winner is selected and they receive a trophy for 'Super Writer' and 'Best Handwriter'.

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## Number Sense

We have some great games that you can play at home to develop your child's number sense. Although they are aimed at KS1, we have also used them with some KS2 children to help improve their fluency. These can be found on our website. Just google: 'Thorndown number sense games' or follow [this link](#).

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