



Summer Term Week 12

Hello everyone,

So here we are, almost at the beginning of the summer holidays with days spent doing very little; perhaps cloud watching or getting lost in a great book under the shade of a tree.

But it is also a time to explore and learn different things, having the time to take on a new project. With that in mind, I thought I would leave Jackdaws a list of different activities where, with adult support, they will be able to discover some astonishing things.



Dyson Engineering Challenges

Ever wanted to build a boat, a bridge out of spaghetti, balloon powered car or periscope? Well now's your chance. The engineers at Dyson have put together some amazing projects for you to try out. We'll be trying the bridge and car

<https://www.dyson.co.uk/newsroom/overview/update/top-five-engineering-challenges-to-do-at-home.html>



RSPB Animal tracker

Ever wondered what animals are out and about in the garden at night time? Well, the RSPB have put together a guide for creating a pit that will help identify the tracks of different wild beasts. Can you work out what animal left what print?

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/kids--schools/teaching-resources/make-an-animal-tracker.pdf>



Rockpooling and fossil hunting

If you do get a chance to head to the coast, Norfolk is blessed with some of the best beaches in Britain. If you'd like to see what life can be found in rockpools a good place to visit is between Cromer and Sheringham, especially West Runton. Below is a guide to how best to do it.

<https://www.visitnorfolk.co.uk/inspire/rockpooling-in-norfolk.aspx>

Further, this part of the coast is famous for its fossils. If you look carefully, will you find the remains of a mammoth? Below is a link for how best to explore.

https://www.visitnorthnorfolk.com/Deep-History-Coast/deep_history_coast_fossils.aspx



Make your own Scientific Ice Cream

Hopefully there will be some sunny days over the next few weeks. What then would be nicer than homemade ice cream? Below is a link to the BBC where ice cream can be made quickly and in a surprising way. Who would have thought salt would have had such an impact?

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/magical-instant-slushies>

I hope that you have fun with these ideas and of course, if you know any you would recommend, please share with us. I always like to learn new things.



Home learning over the summer.

Free Summer Workbooks

Now for those who would like to keep their skills polished, especially considering how long lockdown has run and its impact on learning, I am delighted to provide a summer activity book which can be found on Jackdaws' home learning page under Free Summer Workbooks. This offers a mixture of maths and literacy to keep the brain ticking over.

Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is also running for the summer holiday. As said before, I have been blown away by the efforts of the class. This has been the best performance I have witnessed by a class. How many more points can be earned between now and the 4th of September?

Times table games

From working with KS2 key worker children, one thing stood out to me and that was how times tables had taken a bit of a hit over lockdown. This knowledge is key in many areas of maths including fractions which year 4 will be more frequently working on when they move to Year 5. I would highly recommend visiting sites such as the below regularly over the summer.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>



Back to school

I'm really pleased that I will get a chance to see my old class for one last day on the first day back from the Summer Holidays. It will be a great chance to catch up and you can tell your child that the day will be filled with fun and games - not a test to be seen, (I promise).

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing Jackdaws back on the 4th of September.

Happy holidays

Calvin and Hobbes