

Dear parents and carers,

As you will have seen this week from your child's class work and reports, they have achieved a huge amount this year and have definitely earned their Summer holiday. However, this holiday in particular is quite long and we find that children who are encouraged to keep gently exercising their brains (even for just for 20 minutes a day), find the return to school in September far easier and continue to make rapid progress in the first term of their new school year. With this in mind, we have put together a few ideas of games and activities for you and your child. These are all designed to be fun but also educational – they may also prove useful on a long journey or a wet afternoon. Happy holidays.

## BBC Bitesize – [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1)

This a great, free resource with lots of games to help your child practice both their maths and literacy skills.

### Monster Hunt – The Memory Game



**Price:** Free

This is a simple, effective app to develop attention and concentration, and improve memory – key skills for all children. You get a few seconds to view where the monsters are hidden and then have to click on their hiding places. The difficulty grows, the better you get!

### Pirate Treasure Hunt



**Price:** Free

This app provides a variety of problem solving opportunities. As you help Pirate Jack to find the hidden treasure using mathematical and literacy based tasks. It is great for variety and encourages children to adapt from one type of skill to another quickly.

### Bubbles of Math



**Price:** Free

A no-nonsense addition game. You tap two numbers that add up to a given target. Gradually the bubbles/balls drop and you score a time to try to beat next time. As the levels go up, the numbers get larger. It's a bright, colourful and simple way to speed up basic adding skills.

### Hungry Fish



**Price:** Free

Guide George the fish around the reef gobbling up number bonds before progressing to bigger numbers and subtraction. You can even customise George! Appropriate from preschool up to Key Stage 2, you may want to work with your child at first to set a suitable level.

## Math Bingo



**Price:** £0.69

This follows a simple format for practising the basic operations on a range of levels. It is well designed, bright and motivating. The rewards, bungee jumping bugs, are a great add-on. It suits all ages from 5 upwards to the end of Key Stage 2.

## Word Bingo



**Price:** £0.69

Locate the correct words, tap on them and try to get a complete row. With success comes rewards – collect bugs and play a target game, flinging the bugs around the screen. You can also enter multiple players so siblings can challenge each other!

## Bubble Pop Multiplication



**Price:** £1.49

This is a fun alternative way of practising times tables facts! Work out the answer to each question then aim at the correct answer to pop the bubbles. It's great as a different way to work on those number facts.

## Squeebles Times Tables



**Price:** £1.49

Many children are already fans of the Squeebles apps and find them a motivating way of practising important skills. Each app rewards children with games to play and characters to collect.

## Squeebles Spelling Test



**Price:** £1.49

A great resource to support your child's regular spelling tests and learning of high frequency words! Parents can set the words to be learnt, then your child works through the tests, earning rewards by beating previous scores – these are then spent customising their Squeebles!

## Common Exception Words Colouring Butterfly (provided)

The children have been working on these all year in class and we thought they might like to share them with you. As they learn to spell each word (and confirm this with a quick test!) they can colour that part of the butterfly until it is complete and they have learned all their target words!