

At Coppice, we do not set holiday homework. Please use holidays as a time to have fun and relax! However, children can still continue to develop essential skills during holiday times (for example: speaking, listening, thinking, reading) in a more informal way. If you would like some ideas of things to do at home, please use the list below as a starting point.

Some Ideas for Fun Holiday Activities

- Draw a map of your garden and then hide some 'treasure'. Get someone to use your map to find what you have hidden.
- Make up a secret code and then write letters for each other to decipher.
- Take some really 'close-up' pictures of familiar household objects. See if someone can work out what the picture is and find it in the house.
- Start a book club with some friends. Visit the library and all borrow the same book – then meet up to talk about the story.
- Cut out pictures from a magazine and make your own collage.
- Using the internet or a catalogue, pretend you have a budget and choose what to 'buy'. Work out how much change you will get.
- Use a calculator when going around the supermarket and add up how much the shopping is going to cost. Each person could estimate first and then see who was closest.
- Lots of talking! Develop new vocabulary by sharing opinions and explaining your point of view. Agree and disagree with each other, giving your reasons: for example, on liking or disliking a television programme.
- Play games together (board games or outdoor games) encouraging taking turns, fair play and co-operation.

Some Ideas for Days Out in the Holidays

- Visit local museums. Discuss the things you see. Make an information booklet with pictures and facts about the artefacts.
- Go on a Nature Hunt in the local park. Write a list of things to find.
- Visit the library
- Go to the cinema and then talk about the film watched. (Discuss the characters, setting and storyline and give personal opinions about the film.)
- Go to an Art Gallery. Discuss which pictures you like and why. Afterwards, you might like to do some of your own artwork in the style of your favourite artist.
- Go on a canal walk. Try to follow your route on a map.
- Go for a walk at different times of year and collect natural materials. Use them to come up with lots of descriptive words and write a seasons poem.

Before Christmas, this list will be added to and then put on the website for you to access in future holidays.