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Dear parents and carers,

As it approaches the summer holidays and students get ready for some well-needed time to rest and reset, I would like to support you to help your child(ren) develop their functional maths skills over this extended break.

Here are some ideas for supporting your child to develop life-long skills which incorporate key maths ideas during the holidays, without it feeling like schoolwork.



Playing card games or strategy games as a family. Blackjack (also known as 21) and Yahtzee are great for counting skills and for using cards and dice and perfect as travel games for when you're away!

Money management. Give your child a budget to stick to or give them cash and a shopping list. You could also ask them to work out which is the best value, so they don't overspend.

Train Timetable

Timetable 'A'						
Oswestry Dep	-	11:00	12:30	14:00	15:30	16:40
Weston Arr	-	11:10	12:40	14:10	15:40	16:50
Weston Dep	10:30	11:40	13:10	14:40	16:10	-
Oswestry Arr	10:40	11:50	13:20	14:50	16:20	-

Timetable 'B'						
Oswestry Dep	-	11:00	12:00	13:00	14:00	15:00
Weston Arr	-	11:10	12:10	13:10	14:10	15:10
Weston Dep	10:45	11:40	12:40	13:40	14:40	15:40
Oswestry Arr	10:55	11:50	12:50	13:50	14:50	15:50



Planning a day trip with timings. This could include reading timetables when using public transport.

Cooking or baking from a recipe. This may also include scaling a recipe or weighing ingredients.

There are also lots of free access maths game websites that they can use to practice their basics:

- Times Tables Rockstars [Home - Times Tables Rock Stars](#)
- Hit the Button [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds](#)
- Maths Frame [Maths Games for KS2: designed by a teacher for teachers - Mathsframe](#)
- Cool Maths Games [Cool Math Games - Free Online Games for Learning and Fun](#)



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For more problem-solving, enrichment type resources:

- If your child loved their primary transition visits back in Year 6, these resources from NRich are great for problem solving: [Topics in Mathematics - Secondary Students | NRIC](#)
- The New York times also has a domino-based game called 'pips' for a lovely 5minute daily problem-solving fix: [Play Pips, our new dominoes game. — The New York Times](#)

Finally, we can't wait to start a new year with your child. Please make sure that they come back to school equipped for success in their maths lessons.

They will need to have with them every day:

- A selection of blue/black pens and pencils
- A green pen for marking
- A ruler
- A scientific calculator, we recommend one of these Casios: fx-83GTCW+ or fx-991CW (particularly for Higher GCSE sets)

When required they will also need:

- A protractor
- A pair of compasses

Year 11 students should have all this equipment with them every lesson due to the nature of GCSE revision.

We wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R Hollingworth and the maths team