GET READY FOR SUMMER LEARNING!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very excited to announce that Aquinas will be running a two-week *Virtual Summer School* over the holidays, available for all of our primary-aged pupils! It will provide children with the opportunity to receive some additional learning to boost their readiness for the next academic year.

Teachers across the trust have been working hard behind the scenes planning and recording exciting and engaging lessons that will be uploaded onto a soon-to-be launched Aquinas YouTube channel which will be easily accessible on computers and smart devices.

For the two-week period, there will be daily Maths and English lessons for each year group. In addition, there will also be a daily enrichment lesson in areas such as Science, Music and RE aimed at all children regardless of their age.

Are children up for the challenge?

Children will need to put on their detective hats as each video will have a challenge displayed somewhere. Once they have worked it out, they will need to jot it down and, if they watch each one of the daily lessons in order and solve all 10 challenges, they will be able to 'crack the codes'.

There are 3 codes available that need solving – work out the missing letter in the English lessons, find the missing number in the Maths lessons and make a note of the shape in each on the enrichment lessons. If they can crack any or all of the codes, they should take them into school in the first week back in September and they'll be presented with a special award! These are examples of what type of challenges to look out for:
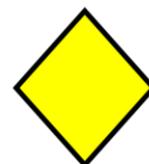
'Ready for Year 1 – English'	*'Ready for Year 5 – Maths'*	*'Enrichment'*

What will be taught?

We have been working with our English and Maths leaders across the trust and have selected 10 fundamental skills or concepts for each year group that children should know and will benefit from knowing in both English and Maths as they head into the next academic year. Each lesson is approximately 10-15 minutes long with a short task for children to complete at the end.

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Which lessons should children watch?

As we want to boost the children's readiness for the next academic year, the video sequences are entitled with 'Ready for Year X' and split into English and Maths for each of the 10 days, plus an enrichment lesson.

Current Year Group	Year Group starting in September 2021	English lessons to watch	Maths lessons to watch	Enrichment lessons to watch
Reception	Year 1	'Ready for Year 1 – English'	'Ready for Year 1 – Maths'	'Enrichment Lesson'
Year 1	Year 2	'Ready for Year 2 – English'	'Ready for Year 2 – Maths'	
Year 2	Year3	'Ready for Year 3 – English'	'Ready for Year 3 – Maths'	
Year 3	Year 4	'Ready for Year 4 – English'	'Ready for Year 4 – Maths'	
Year 4	Year 5	'Ready for Year 5 – English'	'Ready for Year 5 – Maths'	
Year 5	Year 6	'Ready for Year 6 – English'	'Ready for Year 6 – Maths'	

When will the video lessons be available?

There are a couple of lessons available online right now to give you a taster of what to expect from our Virtual Summer School. Videos will be uploaded from Monday 26th July. They can then be accessed at any time as they will remain on our YouTube channel. Just remember that when solving the challenges, make sure you do so in order so that you can success=fully crack the codes!

How can I access the videos?

You do not need to sign up for Summer School, simply just click the link to our Aquinas YouTube channel and you are ready to go. The videos will remain on the channel as well so once uploaded, they can be viewed at any time. Link to our Aquinas YouTube channel:
www.youtube.com/channel/UCm0m5owZal_mf6JbwIDe95A

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your continued support and hope you have a fantastic summer break.

With thanks

Aquinas Summer School Team

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