

Holiday work.

From time to time some parents take their children out during school time for holidays to match in with family work commitments. We require written advice to explain these absences.

For holidays of one school week or less, no formal work will be provided but children are encouraged to continue with reading and should be encouraged to write a brief report about their holiday to share when they return.

For holidays exceeding one week we recommend that children undertake the following learning activities.

- Keep a written (and photographic) diary of their trip that they can share with the class when they return. Children can use a chronological format. It might also include a budget of entry fees, petrol costs, souvenir expenses involving basic maths activities. Parents may proof read and correct the material. The children will share the final product with the teacher and classmates when they return. The school will provide exercise book if required.
- Reading activities might include holiday brochures, itineraries etc. The teacher will provide some reading material and may suggest other reading material of an appropriate level.

It is not our intention to interfere with the family holiday time. Because of the sequential and controlled nature of classroom activities it is not always appropriate for teachers to provide formal school work.

There are innumerable activity books readily available which involve fun puzzle work and fun learning activities to suit each child.