



Welcome to Aylesford

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forwards to our new year 7's arriving with us in September and this term have been dedicating staff planning time towards reviewing and improving our curriculums to ensure that they are able to have the best experience with us.

To help your child feel excited and prepared for the year ahead, I've included a few suggestions for local activities you might enjoy together over the break. These are a great way to keep learning fun and relevant during the holidays. We would love to hear about any activities you complete to support students with their school journey – perhaps students could bring in some photos or examples of their learning beyond the classroom!

English – Literature through the ages <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Visit your local library and borrow classic texts (e.g. Shakespeare, Dickens, myths).▶ Use MyOn to log in and read some of the adapted classics such as Beowulf.▶ Watch a film adaptation of a classic book and discuss how it compares to the text	Geography - Maps <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Go on a walk using Google Maps or Ordnance Survey maps.▶ Create a treasure map or real map of the local area – include landmarks and look up the correct symbols for things like picnic spots	French – Talking about yourself <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Use free language apps (like Duolingo) to learn simple introductions and greetings.▶ Make a mini poster in French with name, age, family, and hobbies.
History– Skills overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Visit a Maidstone museum and make notes or sketches about one object.▶ Try a historical fiction book aimed at KS3 readers (<i>The Eagle of the Ninth</i>, <i>Goodnight Mister Tom</i>).	RE Religious viewpoints <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Visit a place of worship from a different religion.▶ Discuss different beliefs in your family or community.	DT – Product design <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Look at packaging and products at home—how are they designed and marketed? Stick a product box (eg cereal) onto a large sheet of paper and label it with ways it appeals to an audience▶ Try designing a new gadget or product for the home.
Food – Health and safety: Crudites <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Make a simple snack together—discuss hygiene and safe knife handling. Take a photo to show your teacher▶ Watch kids' cookery shows like <i>Junior Bake Off</i>.	Science – States of matter <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Do a kitchen experiment like melting chocolate or freezing water—what's happening?▶ Watch BBC Bitesize clips on solids, liquids, and gases. Turn this into a poster	Music – Theme and variation <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Listen to classical music that uses this form (e.g. <i>Twinkle Twinkle</i> variations by Mozart). Create a playlist of 10 different types of music▶ Try creating a theme and changing it using body percussion or an app.

<p>Drama – Audience awareness and drama skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See a local theatre show or youth performance. ➤ Act out short scenes from a script or fairy tale. 	<p>Art – tone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ask your child to find five objects with different tones, light, medium, dark and sketch them using only pencil shading. ➤ Pick a colour (e.g. blue) and collect cuttings from magazines or newspapers in different shades and tones of that colour. Arrange and glue them into a collage that shows a gradient from light to dark. 	<p>Maths – Number work and Algebra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Create bingo cards with products (e.g. 24, 36, 48). Call out questions like “6 × 6” and they cover the correct answer. ➤ Use tape measures or a ruler to find the perimeter and area of a table, garden patch, or bedroom rug. Bonus: Design a dream garden on squared paper with labels and area calculations.
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