

Dear parents,

The following is a list of resources that students can make use of during their summer holidays to improve and to make use of the skills they acquired in grade 6.

Maltese

Speaking and listening

It is very important that students are exposed to the language, where they can listen to it, understand it and speak it as well. Make the most of these holidays for them to acquire new vocabulary and gain more understanding while speaking with family members and friends.

Reading

The following is a list of books that students can read. Kindly make sure that the chosen books are of their level or else they will not enjoy reading it:

Il-bawxati ta' Pietru Pitrawu (2016)

Ġabra ta' Ward

Meta jaqa' ċ-ċpar

Il-qamar l-aħdar

Ġeronimo Stilton (Maltese versions)

Il-kreatura tal-bir

Irvin Vella books

Il-vjaġġaturi taż-żmien

Il-muftieħ tal-passat

Ħolm tal-Milied?

Fra Mudest

Sqaq l-Infern

Wied Wirdien

Il-pulena tad-deheb

Students can also make use of public libraries to find a vast selection of different books.

Reading comprehension

Try to ask questions to the students about Maltese books or articles that they are reading. These questions can be asked orally or even written down. Malti .F 5A, Malti .F 5B u Malti Manija Komprensjoni (4 jew 5) can be used to work on these skills as well.

Activities to enhance the skills

Nowadays one may find a number of Maltese board games that help to improve the language. Such games include: Vi jew Va, Aqtagħha!, Ifli bir-Reqqa, Ambura and many more.

Another idea would be to follow Maltese recipes to bake some yummy goodies for summer. It is of utmost importance that students follow these recipes with a grown-up. Some ideas include the following sites:

<https://newsbook.com.mt/ricetti-ghat-tfal-chips-tal-gobon/>

<https://newsbook.com.mt/dipp-tat-tonn-taz-zejt/>

<https://newsbook.com.mt/zewg-ricetti-ta-gelat-binqas-zokkor-u-halib-tal-bott-light/>

<https://newsbook.com.mt/gulepp-bil-frawli-frisk/>

Grammar

One can find a number of resources that help to practice the grammar learned so far. Such books include Malti .T 5 u Malti Manija 5 (Grammatika u Ortografija), but one can easily make use of others as well.

Writing

Students can keep a journal where they write about their summer adventures, such as holidays, days spent at the beach, sleep-over adventures and more. These entries can be short or long – up to the students. They should focus on expressing themselves and they should look up words in the dictionary in order to do so. They can draw pictures or attach mementoes in order to personalise it.

English

The following is a brief outline of books that students can make use of during their summer holidays to further improve their English skills in preparation for Grade 7.

Speaking and listening

It is very important that they are exposed to the language, where they can listen to it, understand it and speak it as well. Make the most of these holidays for them to acquire new vocabulary and gain more understanding while speaking with family members. Watching age-appropriate British series is also good exposure to the English language. Such shows include Our Planet, Free Rein and The Worst Witch.

Reading

The following is a list of books that students can read:

Fantasy:

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman

A Tale Dark and Grimm – Adam Gitwitz

The Invention of Hugo Cabret – Brian Selznick

A Wrinkle in Time – Madeleine L-Engle

Ranger's Apprentice Series – John Flanagan

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone – JK Rowling

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Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets – JK Rowling

Classics:

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIHM – Robert C O'Brien

Matilda – Roald Dahl

The Chronicles of Narnia Series – C.S. Lewis

A Long Walk to Water – Linda Sue Park

Humour:

Middle School – The Worst Years of My Life – James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts

Diary of a Sixth Grade Ninja – Marcus Emerson

Tales of Fourth-Grade Nothing – Judy Blume

Big Nate Series – Lincoln Pierce

Students can also participate in the following summer reading challenge:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Reading comprehension

Try to ask questions to the students about the books or articles that they are reading. You may also opt for the Think and Learn Year 5 English comprehension textbook if you would like your child to work out a full-blown comprehension – ISBN 9789918211982.

Writing

Students can keep a reading journal and write their reviews about any of the books they've read over the summer months. They can reflect and be as critical as they like – listing their likes and dislikes about the book.

Mathematics

The following is a suggestion of what students can do during their summer holidays to further improve their Mathematical skills in preparation for Grade 7.

Suggested books for revision:

- Numberwise 5
- Think and Learn Mental Maths 5

Websites with online games:

- mathplayground.com
- topmarks.co.uk

Websites with worksheets:

- Education.com
- K5learning.com

Other Activities:

a. At Home:

- Using recipes – cooking/baking activities at home – measure ingredients, set the timer together, talk about fractions in cooking.
- Look for maths on TV or magazines. You might find percentages in special offers, probability in weather reports or simply the length of TV shows.
- Solve maths problems at home – for example: We have 3 pizzas cut into quarters. How many will be left if we eat 10 quarters?
- Urge students to start wearing and using a watch.
- Talk about shape, size and quantity – use the internet to find interesting size facts such as most and least populated cities, highest mountains or deepest lakes.

b. Out and About:

- Maths Trails – can be found ready online on teleskola.mt.
- Drawing shapes with chalk and describe their properties.
- Talk about numbers in sports e.g. How many points does your team need to avoid relegation?
- Explore your surroundings – try and guess the distance in kilometres from your house to the church or the airport.
- Directions – when travelling somewhere familiar, ask your child to give you directions and timing and then test out their directions.
- Look for patterns and symmetry when out and about.
- Shopping – ask your child to estimate the bill, pay and check the change.