**English Summer Activities**

**Your studies in English support your learning and understanding across the curriculum. It is important that over the holidays you continue to use the skills we practice in English. During lockdown several really valuable resources have been made available to you online – you should take advantage of these!**

**Please aim to complete at least one of the tasks below this summer:**

**Shakespeare-**Every year at Chalfonts you will study a different Shakespeare play. Watch a play online for pleasure. A number of plays can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p089zds8/culture-in-quarantine-shakespeare>

**Before:** Google the plot before so you understand the main events.   
Research the play including previous productions.   
**After:** 1. Write a review of the play – what did you like about this production? What did you think of the story / staging / costumes for example.   
2. Design an alternative set  
3. Design alternative costumes

**National Theatre live**Going to the theatre to see a production can be an expensive business however lockdown has changed this. The National Theatre has been streaming its plays for free. They are premiered on a Thursday evening at 7pm and are then available for a week or so after this. Have you taken advantage of this unique experience? Watch a play from the comfort of your own home.

**Browse what is available here: https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home**

Question to consider while you watch a play:  **What is happening?  
What is your initial impression of the characters? Do these impression changes / develop as the play goes on?   
What do you think the playwright’s message was?**

**Reading**In this strange times it is important we are all well informed about the world we live in. Keep your reading skills sharp and develop your understanding of the world you live in by reading at least one news story a day. Read stories from respectable news outlets:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>

<https://news.sky.com/>

<https://inews.co.uk/>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/>

You can further develop your response to these stories by completing the attached reading activity.

**Reading for Pleasure:**The school have subscribed to an online library where you can access thousands of free titles. Instructions can be found in the attached letter.

Alternative ideas

Like watching films? Write a story inspired by your favourite film. It could be a prequel or sequel to the events. Alternatively you might be inspired by your favourite song!

Consider and include:

* ***Striking introduction and conclusion***
* **Appeal to the five senses**
* **Show don’t tell**
* **Adjectives (describe the noun)**
* **Similes/metaphors/ alliteration**
* **Personification**
* **Spelling / Vocabulary choice**
* **Range of punctuation**
* **Paragraphs**
* **Language techniques**
* **Correct tense**
* **Range of sentence types**