



# MUTIARA INTERNATIONAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL SDN BHD

(391277-M)

DISCOVERING POTENTIAL • LEARNING TO CARE • RESPECTING DIFFERENCES

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

## HOLIDAY LEARNING ACTIVITIES

Starting tomorrow, many of our students will progressively begin their long “summer” or End-of-Year holidays. It is a well-deserved break for our students that will give them time to bond with family and friends in a deep and meaningful way, and devote some time to their studies too.

As has been the practice in the recent years, we send home some light work that students can do during their free time. You will find the details explained below:

### 1. Baseline Phonics Reinforcement for Year1-Year 3 students (2018-2019)

The teaching of phonics skills is a common feature of the English curriculum for pupils and students in Reception and Years 1-3. In the UK, all Year 1 students undergo a statutory Phonics Screening Check to ascertain whether students have met the expected standard. At MIGS, we will conduct a Baseline Phonics Screening Check for students in Years 1, 2 and 3 at the start of next Academic Year.

#### Content of the Baseline Phonics Screening Check

Year 1	Phases 2 and 3
Year 2	Phases 3, 4 and 5
Year 3	Phases 5 and 6

If you are interested to know more about the phonics learning of your children, you might want to read carefully the Parents Information Package for Phonics Acquisition attached for detailed information about the Phonics Phases.

We will provide you with further details just before the Baseline Phonics Screening Check in September 2018.

All you have to do is to spend at least 20 minutes two or three times weekly engaging in interactive activities together with your child, using the websites shown below:

a) Phonics Play

Link: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Click on Free Phonics Play.

Click on Phase 2 / 3 / 4 / 5 / 6.

Select the game/activity to play that is FREE.

You might need to select the Phase once again.

b) Phonics Bloom

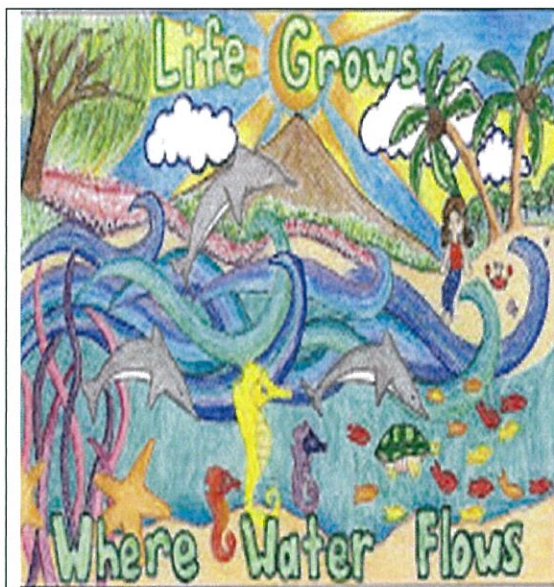
Link: <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

Click on the Phonics Games according to the Phase required.

You only need to work on the games and activities in the Phases that your child needs to work on, as shown in the Table above.

## 2. Journal Writing for Years 4-6 students (2018-2019)

Journal-writing can certainly help students polish their writing skills which will be essential for the rest of their years at School. Students would need an exercise book for this purpose. They can design a suitable cover for the book too. It is ideal if students could spend an hour daily to write down their thoughts about a variety of topics on one page and draw a picture or a diagram to illustrate their writing on the opposite page. See the sample below:



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Water is nature's precious gift to mankind. No one can live without water. Conserving water helps us and the environment. Water is the basic commodity we need to live. It relieves us from heat and quenches our thirst. It makes us clean and neat. We use water for our transport and also to manufacture many products. Forests too need water to survive. Water is a privilege we cannot take for granted. Wasting water is a really bad thing. It should be strictly avoided. We have to make every effort to save water to save lives. Saving water fights against global warming situations and helps future generations to survive. There are many ways to save water. For example, when we brush our teeth, we should not leave the tap running. We can take a shorter shower. If we have a garden, we should use a watering can instead of a hose. Watering plants early in the morning and in the evening will reduce evaporation and save water.

Attached are two Game Mats containing several writing prompts for students' daily journal. They may throw a dice and choose the writing prompt on which the dice stops. Students may also choose to write about an issue of their own that they are interested in.

**3. Bug Club Online Reading for Reception – Year 6 students**

The Bug Club online home reading will continue throughout the holidays. Every Monday students will receive their reading instalments. The quota will be slightly increased during the holidays.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Roch-Compan'.

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