

THE WONDER YEARS!

Many people consider their time spent at school to be the best days of their lives – although it may not seem like it at the time! Remember adults do not have playtime or school holidays to cheer themselves up when older!

TASKS

- 1 What do you enjoy doing in the school summer holidays? What have been your favourite memories of this time? Write these down in note form before extending one of the **ideas** into a story or film treatment.
- 2 Make a plan showing all the things that you intend to do this summer. You may want to learn a new skill for example, juggling! Write these down and take it home with you on the last day of school so that you have a check list.
- 3 Remember that grown-ups were once children too! Think of a list of questions to ask grown-ups that you know well to find out what they liked to do in the summer holidays.



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!

Normally grown-ups get approximately 20 days holiday a year.

TASKS

- 1 Work out how many days you have off from school to have fun in during the summer holidays.

What day/date do you break up from school?

What day/date do you return to school?

- 2 Using these dates, find out how many days/weeks fall in-between. You will need to exclude weekends as these are normal days off! **Write down your calculations in the working out box opposite.**

Join the dots to find something that, if used safely, can be great fun on holiday!



Finish School (date):	Start School (date):	
Working Out Box		
Number of days	Number of Weeks	Weekends no. of days
Total Days Holiday		

TO PLAY OR NOT TO PLAY?

In the film Disney's *Recess School's Out* Dr Phillipam Benedict wants to get rid of the summer holidays as he feels that children need to spend more time in the classroom.

The UK government is considering a proposal to change the length of school summer holidays. However, unlike Dr Phillipam Benedict, they are not proposing to get rid of the holidays altogether, but to shorten them to 4 weeks. This is because some people think that a 10 week holiday is too long and children forget a lot of what they have learnt during school time.

TASK

As a class, debate the following proposal (or motion) written on the blackboard.

The class should be divided into two groups: one group in favour of the proposal and the other group arguing against it. Each group should brainstorm all the reasons that they can think of to agree or disagree with the proposal and write these down. Choose one of your group to speak.

During the debate, each side will have a certain amount of time – usually a few minutes to put their point of view across. They can then be asked questions by the other side which can get quite heated!!

Each side will then write up a report of the debate from their point of view.

The summer holidays
should be
shortened from
10 weeks to 4 weeks.

CYCLE SAFETY

In the film Disney's *Recess School's Out*, we see TJ and his friends travel around on bicycles.

TASKS

Try and answer the following questions to test how safety conscious you are when it comes to your set of wheels!
NB Teachers: Answers are on the covering letter that came with the wallchart.

- How should you wear your bike helmet?
 a) **filled forward** b) **square on your head** c) **filled back**
- You are approaching a set of traffic lights and the lights are on amber. What should you do?
 a) **stop** b) **keep going** c) **keep going - but with caution**
- What sort of clothes should you wear when cycling on the road?
 a) **reflective by day, fluorescent by night** b) **fluorescent by day, reflective by night** c) **anything bright**
- What is the first thing you should do before you set off on your bike?
 a) **have a good look round** b) **look over your left shoulder** c) **look over your right shoulder**
- How often should you check your cycle lamps and reflectors?
 a) **every day** b) **once a week** c) **once a month**
- You and your best friend are cycling to school together on your bikes. How should you ride?
 a) **side by side** b) **one in front of the other** c) **on the pavement**

HOW DID YOU DO?

Check your answers at www.disney.co.uk/recess or by checking with your teacher.

0-2 - Bike beginner! 3-4 - Bike brainy! 5-6 - Bike brilliant!



Road Safety

www.schools.detr.gov.uk/primary

