

Going Beyond – English

Year 5

Places to go

- There's lots of information about Literary Festivals at www.literaryfestivals.co.uk/. The Oxford festival is in March/April but there are plenty around at different times of the year. Lots of these have events for children.
- Bookshops such as Waterstones and Blackwell's in Oxford have events such as talks and book signings with authors – look at their websites for details.

Things to read

- First News or any other children's newspaper. Look carefully at the layout and style of newspaper articles.
- Use www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/ to find book recommendations that interest you. Try to read from as many genres as possible.
- Read some award-winning books. www.redhousechildrensbookaward.co.uk/ – either choose some winners from previous years or read some books on this year's shortlist.
- Ask the librarians. At school or at your local library, the librarians will have lots of suggestions if you're looking for new ideas.

Explore online

- Look at the Newsround website www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/
- Look at the site primary.naace.co.uk/startower/menu.html – have a go at the 'Word Drop' or 'Star Punc' activities.
- Choose some games at resources.woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/literacy.html – prefixes might be a good place to start.
- Have a go at the spelling bee at www.learner.org/interactives/spelling/ – select a grade that challenges you.

Things to do/watch

- Newsround (BBC or online) – look out for interviews specifically.
- If you enjoy a classic children's book, why not see if a film version has been made? There are some lovely adaptations of Roald Dahl's books, for example.
- Watch Michael Rosen perform some of his poetry on YouTube.

Going Beyond – Geography

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Places to go

- If you go to the coast, either in the UK or abroad, have a look at the cliffs and rock formations. Seaside towns might have maritime museums or information boards about the coastal environment.
- The Natural History museums (either the Oxford University one or the one in London) have many interesting exhibits to explore.

Things to read

- Cracking Coasts, Bloomin' Rainforests, Stormy Weather or any of the other titles in the Horrible Geography series.
- Look at an atlas. See if you can find some countries you've never heard of – or even some that your parents have never heard of!

Explore online, watch, listen to

- Look at different weather forecasting websites or apps, focusing on the symbols used. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/> is a good starting point.
- resources.woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk/homework/geoindex.html has lots of interesting information. Start by looking at the 'Weather', 'London' and 'Coastal Explorer' sections.
- Explore <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/> by searching for topics that interest you. There are lots of quizzes to try, too.

Things to do/watch

- Newsround on CBBC – pay attention to how the news stories are presented.
- Watch the weather forecast on television.
- Look out for documentaries about extreme weather – there are lots of programmes made about storms and snow.

Going Beyond – History

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Places to go

- Any museums – lots are free and sometimes have interesting visiting exhibitions. Abingdon County Hall museum is a good place to start if you are interested in local history (and you can even go onto the roof if you wish!).
- Attractions such as Warwick Castle often have family events such as jousting displays.

Things to read

Explore online, watch, listen to

- Look at www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/ to find some historical periods that interest you.
- <http://mexicolore.co.uk/aztecs/kids/> has some great activities on the Aztecs for you to explore.

Things to do/watch

- www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/by/show/horrible-histories has some interesting and very amusing clips about lots of different historical periods.
- CBBC also has a show called Gory Games, a Horrible Histories spin-off! There's even an app (for Apple or Android) if you have a tablet or smartphone.
- If you enjoyed reading the Roman Mysteries books, you can buy the TV adaptations on DVD.

Going Beyond – Mathematics

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Places to go

- The Science Museum in London has a Mathematics Gallery to explore.
- Visit Bletchley Park to learn about code-breaking: mathematics that helped to win a war.

Things to read

- The Murderous Maths books by Kjartan Poskitt are excellent.
- Logic or puzzle books are good for getting your mathematical brain working. Try a book of Sudoku or KenKen.

Explore online

- There are many free apps available for tablets and smartphones that will allow you to practise your maths. Think carefully about which areas of maths you most need to work on when choosing one.
- The nrich website nrich.maths.org/frontpage has lots of challenging puzzles and activities.
- All of these sites have fun maths games – just make sure you choose games at the right level for you.
<http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>
<http://primarygamesarena.com/Years/Year-6>
<http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

Things to do/watch

- Try watching Countdown on television and playing along to test your number skills.
- <http://www.mathplayground.com/mathvideos.html> has lots of video clips on specific topics.

Going Beyond – RPE

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Places to go

- Look out for Harvest celebrations in your village or town – churches and village halls often have community celebrations or collections.
- When you go on holiday keep an eye out for local places of worship, you could take a photo or make some notes on what they look like.
- Christchurch Cathedral in Oxford or Westminster Cathedral in London are definitely worth a visit!

Things to read

- The Kids Book of World Religions (Jennifer Glossop) or The Usborne Book of World Religions (Susan Meredith).
- What Do You Believe? (Aled Jones from TV!) may help you think about what you believe personally.

Explore online, watch, listen to

- Look at the Woodlands Junior website at resources.woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk/homework/Religion.html to find out basic information about the world's major religions.
- www.activityvillage.co.uk/holidays-list has lots of activities about various festivals we will look at – have a look at Diwali, Harvest Festival and New Year (or any others that catch your eye!).

Things to do/watch

- Look out for documentaries about religions and festivals – eg in the autumn, you may see programmes about harvest; in January you may find out about Chinese New Year.

Going Beyond – Science

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Places to go

- Oxford University Natural History museum – look out for how the animals are adapted to their habitats.
- The University Botanic gardens – look at how some of the flowers might attract insects to pollinate them.
- The Science Museum in London has many interesting exhibits!
- http://www.chaossience.org.uk/families_home CHaOS run science roadshows demonstrating fun experiments – they are based in Cambridge but appear in other locations too.

Things to read

- Any of the Horrible Science series – perhaps try Stars, Space and Slimy Aliens or Body Owner's Handbook.
- The DK Eyewitness series has excellent books on a range of topics.

Explore online, watch, listen to

- The Horrible Science website www.horrible-science.co.uk/ has lots of interesting activities to explore.
- Look at the science section of the newsround website www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/15743115 for the latest discoveries and stories.
- Try some of these fun experiments at home - <http://www.sciencebob.com/experiments/>

Things to do/watch

- Look out for documentaries about subjects that interest you – whether that is nature or space exploration.
- The Blue Planet – you can get the series on DVD.