

Primary 5-7 Lesson



Be informed.

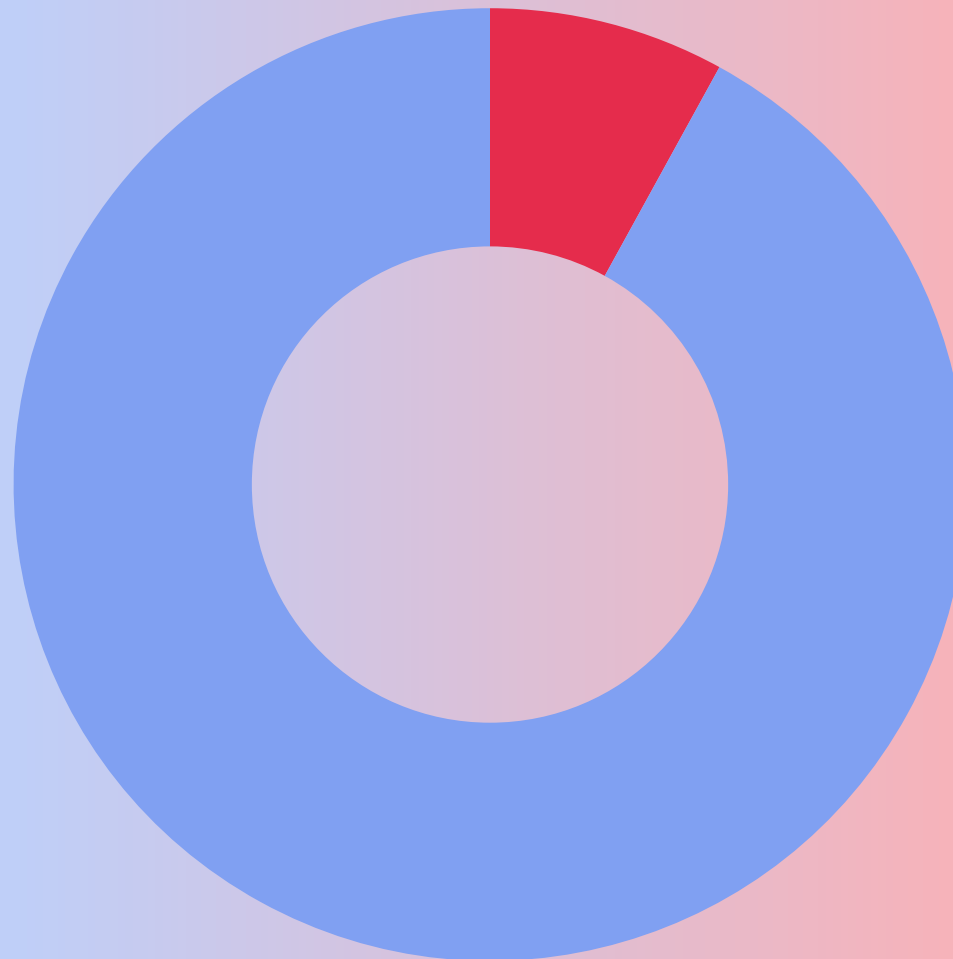


Be curious.



Be heard.

Your latest results: "Is more help needed for people who are homeless?"



Yes

92%

No

8%

46,093 children & young people voted this week! Were you one of them?

Your views on “Is it everyone’s responsibility to end homelessness?” were also heard by:



Shelter



SAMARITANS



The Big
Issue

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Want to share your views with us? Share your votes and comments by logging into your VotesforSchools account. You can also get in touch at primary@votesforschools.com

Today's VoteTopic:

Should school holidays be spread out?

UNCRC Article 28:
Access to
education

UN SDG 4:
Quality
education

VfS Key Theme 8:
Jobs, economy &
education

1 Time flies when you're having fun



Let's start today by thinking about...

time

Curriculum link – Phonics

Which **digraph** can you spot in the word “**time**”?

Have you ever noticed that **some** activities feel like they are **over very quickly**, and others feel like they **take much longer**?



1 Time flies when you're having fun



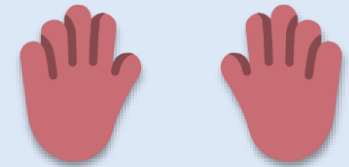
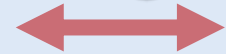
Whole class activity (2-3 mins)

Now you are going to click to see some different activities pop up on the screen **one by one**. If you wish the activity was **shorter**, **put your hands together**. If you wish the activity was **longer**, **move your hands apart**.

Shorter



Longer



Bath
time



P.E.
lesson



Favourite
TV show



Tooth
brushing



Phonics
lesson

2 Why are we talking about this?



Two weeks ago, the **Welsh Parliament** said that it is planning to **move** some of the **school holidays**.

Did you know?

The Welsh Parliament is called Senedd Cymru.

2 Why are we talking about this?



They plan to make the **summer holidays shorter...**



and the **autumn half term longer.**



2 Why are we talking about this?



They say this will **help families** with their **money**.

They also want to give **children** a **longer rest** in the **middle of the autumn term**.

Some people think it will **help children remember** more of their **learning** too.



2 Why are we talking about this?



But what do **you** think?

This week, you will be talking about whether **school holidays should be spread out or left where they are.**



3 A time to work, a time to rest



Whole class activity (2-4 mins)
Time to check how much you know about the **breaks that you get from learning at the moment.** You will be given two choices.
Cross your arms or **put your hands on your head** to show which answer you have picked.

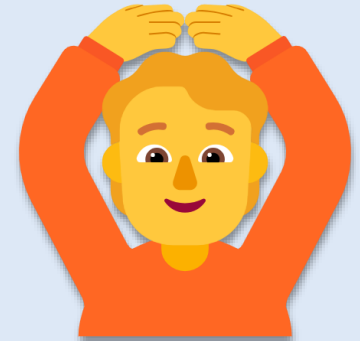




How long is lunchtime?



45 Every school is **different!** How **1**
minutes lunchtime in **your school?** **hour**





WEEKEND

How long is the weekend?



2
days

Saturday and Sunday are the 3
days that make the weekend.



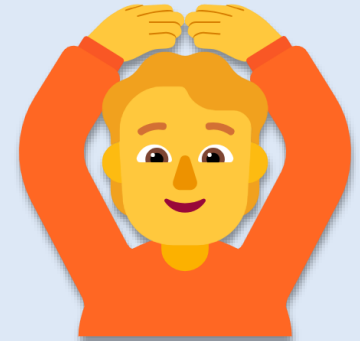


How long are the Christmas holidays?



1 Most schools have **two weeks** off around Christmas.

2 weeks





How long are the summer holidays?



6
weeks

Most schools have ~~about 4~~
6 weeks off in summer.





Pair activity (4-6 mins)

Over the next few slides, you are going to hear some **thoughts** about the length of the **summer holidays**. **Talk to your partner** to share whether you agree or not, using the **sentence starters** to help you.



I agree with this because...

I disagree with this because...



4 Summer loving



I love **getting lots of time** to spend with my **family**.



I agree with this because...

I disagree with this because...





I don't like staying at home with **just my brother for six weeks**. I miss my **friends**. My parents are busy with work.

I agree with this because...

I disagree with this because...





I want to be off for **longer in the summer!** The **weather** is so much **better!**



I agree with this because...

I disagree with this because...





I wish the holidays were **shorter**. I have **forgotten** so much because I have **been away** from school for **so long**.



I agree with this because...

I disagree with this because...





Pair activity (4-6 mins)

Let's **move on into autumn** and hear what people think about **a longer autumn half term break**. **Talk to your partner** to share your ideas, using these **new sentence starters** to help you **explain your thoughts**.



I think...

In my opinion...





It's **much harder to have fun outside** when it is **wet** and **gets dark earlier**.

I think...

In my opinion...





I love **sunny autumn days** outside **kicking the leaves** and **jumping in puddles**.

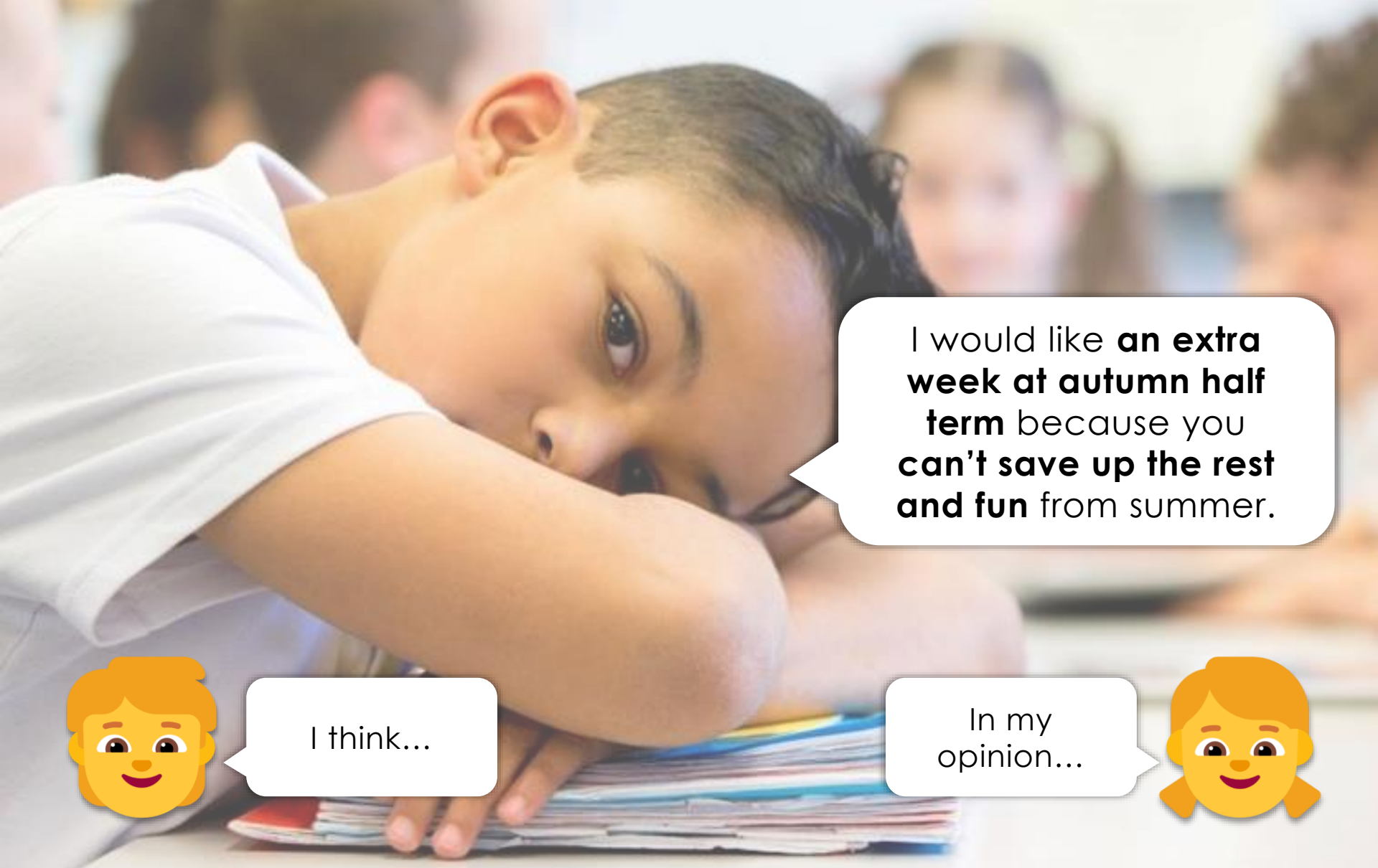
I'd love **more time** to celebrate **Halloween** and **Bonfire Night!**



I think...

In my opinion...





I would like **an extra week at autumn half term** because you **can't save up the rest and fun** from summer.



I think...

In my opinion...





I don't need an extra week at half term, I would just like **more playtime** in the **school day** to rest my brain!



I think...

In my opinion...



6 Time to decide



**Individual activity
(1-2 mins)**

Think about **holidays**
and what is **most
important** to you from
the three ideas below.

**Share your answer
using one, two or
three fingers.**



**Spreading
out your rest**



**Good weather
outside**



**Being ready
for learning**

Now's your chance to vote on: "Should school holidays be spread out?"

Yes

I miss my friends and school by the end of the summer holidays, I wish they were shorter.

I get so tired in the long autumn term, I would really like a longer break in the middle.

I forget everything I have learned over the summer holidays, so a shorter holiday would help me.

I love getting extra time to myself to do my own hobbies and try new things.

I would rather have my holidays in the summer when it is warmer and the days are longer.

I think we need the full summer holidays to wind down and relax after a year of learning.

No

We will be sharing your thoughts on this topic with Simon Calder, Jeremy Miles MS, Hays Travel, Parentkind and National Association Primary Education.

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