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Year 6 SATs Breakfast

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to remind you that this year's SATs will be taking place during the week commencing Monday 8th May although the tests will begin on Tuesday due to the additional Bank Holiday. All children will need to be in school promptly this week. The timetable for the tests is shown below:

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| Tuesday 9 th May 2022 | English grammar, punctuation and spelling test Paper 1: short answer questions Paper 2: spelling |
| Wednesday 10 th May 2022 | English Reading Test |
| Thursday 11 th May 2022 | Maths Paper 1: arithmetic test Maths Paper 2: reasoning |
| Friday 12 th May 2022 | Maths Paper 3: reasoning |

Once the SATs have been completed, children will receive a standardised score for each test. The score required to meet the national standard will be released by the Department for Education after all pupils in the country have sat the tests.

For the duration of SATs week, we would like to offer a free breakfast club, open to all Year 6 children. It is important that the children eat breakfast and start the day calmly so that they are ready to do their best. Please click on the following link to confirm your child's place. <https://forms.office.com/e/zRrUgNsVLq>

Breakfast will be served in the school hall from 8:15 am to 8:45 am. We will ensure that your child is prepared for the day ahead. Please complete that attached form by Monday 1st May so we know how many children to cater for each day.

If your child is not attending the SATs Breakfast each morning, please make sure that your child is present at school by 8.50am.

Your child's regular attendance at school is essential. If your child is likely to be off for any substantial time, it is important that we know so that we can provide suitable work.

To support learning in school, home learning remains an important part of your child's education. Parents play a vital role in supporting this process. I have outlined below the main ways you can help your child:



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Mathematics

Give your child the opportunity to practise arithmetic regularly. Using every day occurrences, such as shopping and telling the time can help. 'What would these three items cost?'; 'How much would these items be with 15% off?'; and daily practice of times tables will help your child's fluency.

Two of the Mathematics SATs papers will be focussing on reasoning. These are a mixture of written questions, testing understanding. They will cover a range of different mathematical concepts: shapes, time, converting measures, perimeter, area and co-ordinates. Again, practicing these in a real-life context can support your child's understanding for example, 'If this film lasts for 2 hours and 15 minutes at what time does it finish?' and 'if the recipe says 500g of flour, what would that be in Kg?' etc. By doing such activities, your child will make connections between the classroom and the real world, whilst developing accuracy and speed of numeracy.

English

Please ensure that home learning set is completed regularly and discuss with your child any concepts they find difficult. Also, please encourage your child to write regularly and accurately, such as letters to friends, grandparents etc. Spell checkers are also useful to improve spelling accuracy in everyday writing. Please make sure your child is learning their weekly spellings and using them in their writing where possible. Your child will also be provided with a revision guide for spelling, punctuation and grammar nearer the time which they have been using in school. Please encourage your child to use the guide on a regular basis and support them with any areas they may find challenging.

Regular reading is equally important. Please encourage your child to read a range of texts and discuss what has been read. Reading the same book as your child can also help. Another way to encourage your child is to read a range of texts out loud; this can help to further their understanding and promote in-depth discussion or Introducing a 'word of the day' can develop your child's vocabulary. 'Reading between the lines' is a reading skill many pupils find challenging, so prompt deeper understanding by discussing 'Why?' and 'How?' questions frequently, especially about character and plot.

Websites

The following websites are useful resources for further support at home:

Century - <https://www.century.tech/> Your child has their own log in for this website where they can access reading, writing and mathematics.

BBC Bitesize English - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f/year/zncsscw>

BBC Bitesize Maths - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39/year/zncsscw>

I would like to thank you for your continued support with your child's learning and we are very proud of the hard work and commitment they have shown in preparation for these tests.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Longland

