

Dear Parents and Carers,

Information about Year 6 SATs 9th – 12th May 2022

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all enjoyed the break and are ready to start the year with refreshed enthusiasm.

As you will be aware, your child will be taking Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) in May 2022. We have a full programme at school to support your child as they prepare for their assessments.

We endeavour to ensure that all children can fulfil their potential by preparing them for these tests as we want all children to do their best. We do not want you or the children to be concerned or anxious about these assessment tests.

Consequently, we have created a PowerPoint containing important information regarding the SATs, as well as tips as to how best you can help your child at home over the coming months. This will be emailed to you but there will also be a copy of this in the Year 6 area on the school website.

We are all aware that the last two years have been challenging for the children in terms of their learning and therefore Year 6 are lucky enough to have additional support from Mr Ward, Mrs Pope and Ms Smith at specific points during the week. This allows us to use small and fluid teaching groups to address any mis-conceptions and gaps in learning with specific focus on maths and reading. These are reviewed regularly to ensure that we are meeting the needs of all children.

Each child has been issued with a log-in to use TT Rockstars to help improve their knowledge of multiplication tables. They are familiar with this and the expectation this year is that they continue to use this tool to support their arithmetic skills. There will be regular challenges and tournaments set within Year 5/6 phase so that they can compete with others and improve their recall speed. If you experience difficulty in accessing TT Rockstars at home for any reason, please contact the class teacher where an alternative provision will be made.

TT Rockstars will be in addition to the 3 weekly homework books that are set on a Friday and are due in every Wednesday. If they are unable to complete their homework in time for any reason, the children have the opportunity during Thursday lunchtime to complete this. Occasionally, your child will also come home with additional arithmetic homework set by their specific group teacher.

This year, the maths team are introducing a new maths badge to motivate and challenge children who have already achieved their Adder and Smile badge. This badge is only for Year 6 children and will contain maths skills taught primarily in Year 5 and 6. More information about this will be shared with the children once the badges arrive.

We have already had a number of parents ask how they can support their child at home to prepare for the test, so we will be offering the opportunity to view and order revision books to use at home. Further information to follow shortly.

It is lovely to see the children come back into school settled, focused and ready to tackle the demands of the term ahead. We are excited about our upcoming projects and feel that these will really motivate and encourage the children to do their best.

Thank you for your continued support and please contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

Year 6 Team