

Friday 25th January 2019

Year 6 Homework

Dear Parents

Many thanks to all those parents who attended our SATs information evening on Wednesday. We hope you found this meeting helpful.

As many of you are aware SATs week is approaching fast (week beginning – 13th May)! All children have been working incredibly hard since September to make progress towards personal targets and overall progress is being made - which is really positive.

However, we still have a long way to go. The next few weeks are very important as we work towards ensuring that all children achieve good progress from the end of KS1 to the end of KS2. In order to maximise the time we have left we are making a few changes to our homework.

Your support over these next few weeks will be crucial in helping your child to achieve their very best, especially with regards homework. We view this as a TEAM effort - teaching staff, parents and children - we hope you agree.

Below we have outlined some of the changes and expectations for the next few weeks, which were discussed at our meeting.

Homework

There are some changes to homework from this Friday. Every week your child will bring home a folder which will have a past SAT reading or maths paper in it. Your child will be required to work through this as their homework, returning it by the following Wednesday. These will be marked with the children in school as part of our work in class.

Expectations:

- Your child should work on the paper for approx 45 minutes (they may choose to continue if they have not finished, but this is not compulsory). They will be receiving a maths/reading paper on alternate weeks.
- Your child should try to work independently asking for your support where needed.
- It would be helpful if at the end you worked through some questions together, checking their understanding/accuracy.

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- At the end please sign the front of the paper to say they have completed the paper and indicate if you have supported them.
- In addition to the paper, your child will be asked to complete some pages from their revision guide (either maths or punctuation and grammar), on alternate weeks.
- For half term your child will receive a reading paper and a maths paper.
- Spellings will continue as normal (given on Thursday, tested the following Thursday).

Revision Guides

As with last year, we have purchased some revision guides for the children to use at home. Your child will receive a revision guide for mathematics and punctuation and grammar, they will be asked to complete set pages on alternate weeks. The revision guides can also be used to support the completion of the papers.

General expectations

It is even more important at the moment that your child comes to school having eaten a good breakfast and had a good night's sleep. We have been working hard with the children to develop positive, calm learning behaviours and this is being shown by most children who have a mature attitude to their learning. Again, please support us with this by making the morning as stress free as possible!

Reward

Many of the children are putting 100% effort into their learning and homework and we would like the opportunity to celebrate this. For all those children who complete their homework tasks **every** week and show **consistent** levels of effort/improvement /good behaviour in class we will be taking them on a year 6 reward trip, funded by the school. The children have already discussed what they would like to do as their reward. We are setting our expectations high and will only be taking those children who have worked hard in their homework and class work.

We would like to thank you for your continued support. We hope that together we can work to support your child in achieving their very best before starting secondary school. If you have any concerns about any aspects of this letter please do not hesitate to come and speak to any of the year 5 and 6 staff.

Yours sincerely

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