

TIPS to help your child:

- ensure homework is completed regularly and on time;
- build up reading stamina and speed by ensuring your child reads quietly for a sustained period of at least 20 minutes per day; they should try to read a variety of genres.
- use revision websites e.g. www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2;
- possibly purchase revision booklets (most bookshops stock a supply)

Your attendance at 'Parents Meetings' this term and in the spring term will enable us to discuss how best we can work together to help your child.

If, however, you have any queries or concerns in the mean time, do not hesitate to get in touch.

**SATS
2018**

The 2018 SATs take place during the week commencing Monday, 14th May 2018.

Changes to end of KS2 Tests:

- * New Curriculum was introduced in 2014.
- * As part of the national curriculum review, levels have been abolished.
- * Since 2016, scaled scores have been used to report national curriculum test outcomes.

It is imperative that your child is in school the week, of SATs as the tests cannot be taken at any other time.

It is also important that your child is in school for the mock SATs, which take place in October (last week of half term) and February (week before half term). These tests give us, and you, a clear indication of what needs to be done to help your child do their best in the actual tests.

Please ensure your child attends school regularly and on time for the remainder of this year, as we will be doing revision and preparation.

It is not advisable to book any holidays during term time while your child is in Year 6. If this really is unavoidable, then any holidays should be booked after SATs week. Approval will not be given for children in Year 6 to take holiday during their final year.

The SATs tests consist of the following:

MATHS:

Paper 1: Arithmetic

- * assesses pupils' confidence with the range of operations
- * 30 minute written test

Paper 2 & 3: Mathematical Reasoning

- * assesses mathematical fluency
- * solving mathematical problems and mathematical reasoning
- * Each paper is a 40 minute written test

Reading Comprehension: 1 hour test, which consists of a substantial amount of reading (usually a mixture of fiction, non-fiction and poetry) and questions;

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling:

Paper 1:

- * a booklet of short-answer questions assessing grammar, punctuation & vocabulary.
- * 45 minutes
- * selected response items (such as multiple choice questions)
- * short, open response items, in which children may have to write a word, a few words or a sentence.

Paper 2: spelling (20 words)

Writing & Science are no longer tested at the end of Key Stage 2. Writing and science are now only assessed through teacher assessment.