

YEAR 6
HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

READING

Please ensure your child reads everyday. Ideally they should read aloud to an adult for five or ten minutes. They can also read newspapers, magazines, library books and web pages; in fact anything that your child finds interesting.

MATHS

It is vital that times tables are learned, most of the maths we do in year six depends on children knowing both multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 .

All the children have a user name and password for the website Mathletics. Sometimes homework will be set on here, but it can also be used to practise maths in a fun way.

If there is no internet access at home, the children can use the computers at school on Friday lunchtimes from 12:30pm.

HANDWRITING AND SPELLING

Spellings will be sent home every week, please ensure your child spends a few minutes each day learning these. It can help to look for spelling patterns or to break words up into smaller chunks.

HOMEWORK

Homework will generally be set weekly, mainly in maths and English. It will give the children an opportunity to practise what we have been doing in class and for some children it will also provide an extension to their learning. Homework will usually be given on Thursday and will need to be handed in the following Tuesday.

SATs

The SATs (tests) will be taking place in week beginning 14th May 2018. Please do not book any holidays at this time.

The children will be tested in reading, SPAG (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and maths. There is no longer a writing composition test for all schools, but I will assess several pieces of writing over the year in order to give the children an overall level.

A small number of schools will be chosen to do a science test. The results of these are used to check on national standards and are not reported to either the school or to parents.

ATTENDANCE AND TIME KEEPING

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. The children start work at 8:50 on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 8:40 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If children are going to make progress, they need to be in school. Over the last few years several children have failed to achieve their predicted level because of their poor attendance.

Finally, if your child is having difficulties or if you have any concerns about them, please let us know as soon as possible.