

Year Six News Spring Term 2017



English



This term the class will be producing written work in a variety of styles. This will include letter writing, stories, diary, debate and persuasive writing. The children's written work is assessed throughout the year, there is no separate SATS Writing Test.

The class will be doing a variety of comprehension style exercises and will be having practice SATS papers to do for homework. The children will also have a Grammar test as part of their SATS, therefore the children will be working on grammar style exercises in class and also at home to help them to prepare for this.

Please encourage your child to read as widely as possible at home and to write in their Journal (comments on the book). Last term we started a book review challenge in Year 6 to promote our school theme 'Reading for Pleasure'. Please continue to encourage your children to write these at home and in school.



Maths



There will be an emphasis on problem solving this term. The class will be undertaking mental calculations with increasingly large numbers and more complex calculations. Pupils will develop their reasoning skills when working through problems including fractions, algebra and measurement. The children will spend lessons every week working on SATS papers to prepare them for the tests. Year 6 will have practice questions and test practice papers for homework; plus on-line work using the programme Mathletics.

Science



In Science the class will be studying living things, their habitats and animals including humans. They will also be beginning to revise the science topics covered in KS2 in preparations for their final assessments at the end of the year.



Computing

The class will be using Excel in a more advanced way — this will include completing a Maths Investigation on fairgrounds (setting up a business and trying to make a profit).

Homework



Homework will be given consistently as the term progresses and the children need to prepare for the SATS Tests and moving on to secondary school. As we are leading up to the SAT's, it is vital that you work with your child and keep a check on their homework. This will assist in their preparation to be secondary ready. The children are expected to complete regular on line Maths Homework using the Mathletics website.

This term all pupils will participate in a Booster programme for SATS preparation—this involves them working in a small group with an adult to prepare for the SATS tests. At this stage, every child needs to work to their full potential in order to maximise the support they are given in school; it is essential that work is completed at home to the best of their ability.