

Dear Year 6 parents,

Thank you very much for your help and support in the SATs homework since Christmas. Your children have worked very hard, (as have you!) and there is very little time now until it's all done with.

As such, I am reducing the homework load slightly – I will still send home a maths paper, but I am directing the children to a comprehension website, (Read theory.org) which I think is more fun, although it is American, so some spellings are different. The tasks are shorter, so they can complete a few at a time. I will also send home the grammar practice books, so we can finish any gaps.

The children will do a practice test in school time, so they are familiar with the way we set it up for them, but it will be low key. Then we will go away for a few days to climb trees and wade through streams, build shelters and learn how to start a fire with flints!

It is our normal policy during SATs week, to invite Year 6 in to school for breakfast each morning. We find that this allows them to manage any anxiety better: we know they have eaten, (which helps!) and lets them relax together before getting cracking. We always do the day's test first thing, so we can enjoy the rest of the day.

Mrs Parris has offered to organise a 'breakfast rota' so please contact her directly to offer your services! We suggest fruit, juice, and toast **or** a muffin **or** similar each day. They are not helped by eating too much or too sweet!

The timetable for the tests is as follows

Monday 13th May SPAG

Tuesday 14th May Reading

Wednesday 15th May Arithmetic, and Reasoning (paper 1)

Thursday 16th May Reasoning (paper 2)

Many thanks again for your help. If you have any questions about any of the arrangements, please email me.

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