



## **Class 6 Newsletter** **Spring/ Summer 2017**

We have had a very busy half-term as we prepare for the SATs tests which start Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. I shall be holding a SATs preparation meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April (details overleaf) If you have any questions before or after the meetings, please do not hesitate to come in and see me.

### **SATs Countdown**

We are now counting down the weeks until the SATs tests. Pupils will need to be more focussed on their learning than ever. They must make sure they are ready to learn at all times and always try their best. The study books and question books which they have been given, are going to be a really useful way for pupils to revise what they have covered each day or to practise areas which they know they find tricky. As we shall be using them in school as well, it is vital that the children bring them along each day, in a bag, so that they do not get lost.

### **Our Theme: Extreme Earth**

Although we shall be focussing heavily on SATs preparation, we shall also explore the exciting topic of natural disasters over the next two half-terms. In this unit of work, we shall investigate tsunamis, volcanoes and earthquakes. The children will be using these themes to stimulate their writing over a range of genres. You can help your child by allowing them to read around these areas via books or the internet. The children will also be producing work based on their fantastic trip to London.

### **HOMEWORK REMINDER**

With the SATS just around the corner please can I remind all parents and carers that homework should be returned on a weekly basis. This homework is essential in order from them to be as prepared as possible for their tests. Over Easter, the children will be given practice tests to complete. It is essential that these are brought in on the first day back after the holidays so that we can go through the answers with the children.

### **Science: Evolution and Inheritance**

As we shall be focussing on this topic which covers genetic inheritance, we would be grateful if the children could bring in a family photo on the first day back after half-term .

Attendance, punctuality and completion of homework is really important so that the children are ready for their SATs and the transition to secondary school. If you ever have any questions or worries please do contact us.

# Key dates for SATs

## Key stage 2

| Date             | Activity   |
|------------------|--|
| Monday 14 May    | English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2 |
| Tuesday 15 May   | English reading  |
| Wednesday 16 May | Mathematics papers 1 and 2                               |
| Thursday 17 May  | Mathematics paper 3                                      |

### Helping your child with the SATs

- Use the revision guides.
- Tackle topics in frequent short bursts.
- Use internet resources.
- Keep your child calm- we have completed many practice papers so they know what to expect.
- Do the homework that has been set.
- Arrive at school on time so they are not rushing/ stressed.
- Ensure they have adequate sleep the night before.



### SATs Preparation Meeting

**Date: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**Time: 3.20pm – 4.20pm (approx.)**

**Venue: Community Room**

You are invited to come along to this meeting where I will explain the SATs testing procedures. I will explain what the children will be required to do and show you examples from past papers. Examples of the calculations we use will be shown so that you can help your child at home. At the end, you will have an opportunity to ask any questions which you may have regarding the tests. I look forward to seeing you there.

**After SATs, we shall be focusing heavily on writing. Please continue to use the relevant revision guides to help us move your child forward!**