

Supporting Year 6 at home



Firstly, I'd like to thank you as the parents and carers of our Year six pupils for working with us to support and guide them through what is to be one of their most important year at Bellingham Middle School. As you are aware, pupils in year six sit their SATs tests in second week of May.

The Basics...

The SATs tests in May 2017 will consist of: a reading paper with three articles, stories or poems increasing in difficulty; a SPaG paper (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate spelling test of 20 words. Maths will be tested in three papers; arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers.

The tests will be taken in school, week commencing

Monday 8th May 2016.

English Homework

Over the course of the year, pupils will be set once weekly spelling and SPaG homework encouraging them to practise their skills. This weekly homework will give you, as parents and carers, a good idea of the types of tasks completed in lessons and the standard at which we expect your child to be working. Tasks will vary each week and misconceptions or errors will then be readdressed in lessons.



Maths Homework

Maths homework will be set weekly on a Monday. Some of these tasks will encourage the pupils to revisit basic skills and concepts. This will ensure that our Y6 pupils are regularly recapping key skills in the build-up to SATs.



Additional Homework

- Read every night for 20-30 minutes.
- Practise reciting times tables and answering questions every night.
- Practise joined handwriting.
- If your child wishes they can do extra English project homework to practise their extended writing (please ask if this is something that you would like your child to do.)



Supporting English at home in your Year 6

There are 4 skills which we will practise in time for the SATs:

- **Literal** - answer is there in the text (find it and copy.)
- **Deductive** - look for clues
- **Inferential** - read between the lines
- **Authorial intent** - e.g. why does an author use a particular word? What is the effect on the reader?

How can you support your child in reading?

- Ensure your child reads every night!
- Encourage them to read fiction and non-fiction.
- Listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text.
- Help them with the different skills of reading especially 'skim' reading where they are looking for key words in the text.
- Practise speed reading.

SPAG:

Alongside studying the novel, pupils will be learning and revising spelling, punctuation and grammar rules in order to understand and apply them in written work. This term we'll ensure we cover the basics:

- Nouns including proper, common, abstract and collective
- Pronouns
- Noun phrases
- Verbs and verb tenses
- Adjectives
- Adverbial phrases
- Punctuation usage including . , ? ! : ; () " " and '
- Homophones such as there/their/they're, to/too/two and where/wear
- Clauses in complex sentences

In order to support your children in these areas, please encourage them to complete SPaG homework tasks weekly, practise spellings on a daily basis, assess www.tesspag.com whenever possible and please seek help or advice from Miss Mason when unsure.

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