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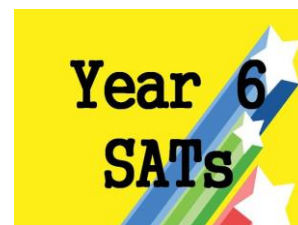


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Year 6 SATS



Dear Parents / Carers,

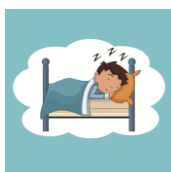
As many of you already know, the year 6 children will be taking their National Curriculum Assessments (also known as SATs) this academic year. These assessments will be for maths and English. These tests will take place the week beginning **Monday 9th May 2022.**

In maths, there are 3 papers. Paper 1 is an arithmetic paper and papers 2 and 3 are reasoning papers where the children will need to solve problems.

In English, there is an English reading test and an English grammar, punctuation and spelling test. The assessments are sent off for external marking whereas the writing is judged on the work they have produced throughout the year in their books.

This letter outlines what is expected of year 6 pupils.

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks they are given.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) are always good to practise.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what book(s) they are reading (the character, the plot, their opinion).
- Make sure your child has a good sleep and healthy breakfast every morning!



The year 6 timetable and curriculum is designed to allow every child the best possible chance in their SATS. The school day is intense and the expectations on children are high as we prepare them for secondary school.

With this in mind, please don't worry if your child does not receive heaps of homework! The year 6 teachers will send homework if and when they feel it is appropriate. As the SATS are still fairly new, there are not many practice papers and we prefer to save them for work in school rather than send them home.



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The biggest thing you can do to support your child is to read with them at home. There is extensive research to suggest that there is strong connection between reading and academic success across all subjects – not just English. Within English, reading has a profound affect on the quality of a child's writing, as well as their understanding of spelling and grammar.

For example, students read text left to right and maths problems are also read left to right. Additionally, students are expected to read and interpret math problems in order to solve them, which is a similar process to reading and interpreting text.

Reading tips:

- Try to encourage your child to read at speed.
- Help them to choose different types of texts.
- The material should be as challenging as possible.
- Try to discuss unfamiliar language to help broaden vocabulary.
- Encourage reading stamina to prepare your child for the reading paper which consists of 3 long, challenging texts. We would recommend 15 to 20 minutes per read, at least three times a week.
- Encourage your child to read out loud to develop fluency.

Maths tips:

- Times tables are involved in nearly all aspects of the maths curriculum. Children that aren't secure will have to use more time to answer each question. Take every opportunity to test your child and make use of online games and resources.
- Please note that this means related division facts as well!

e.g. $3 \times 4 = 12$ $0.3 \times 4 = 1.2$ 1.2 divided by $4 = 0.3$

SATS are an important part of your child's education and their results are looked at by the secondary school they will go to. The results may be used to group and set children, as well as inform teachers of any weaknesses or areas for development. Statistics also show that children who leave primary school at expected are more likely to pass their GCSEs in year 11.

Below is a variety of resources you can use to help support your child's learning at home. This information is also available on the Year 6 website page -

<https://www.leominsterprimaryschool.co.uk/children/year-pages/year-6>



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Useful websites:

BBC BITESIZE: One of the broadest revision websites, BBC Bitesize has resources to support your child in a variety of SATs topics. Find activities, quizzes, fun animations and step-by-step guides to encourage your child into the practice of regular revision.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

IXL: Follow the links to year 6 maths and English questions.

https://uk.ixl.com/promo?partner=google&campaign=1187&adGroup=Key+Stage+2&gclid=CPPa8teS_8kCFQbnwgodgOIB6A

EDUCATION QUIZZES: A site with both maths and English based quizzes which are marked as you go along.

<http://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/>

TOPMARKS: Spelling and grammar, writing, reading and mathematics.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

MATHSFRAME: Some free maths games or subscribe for extra activities.

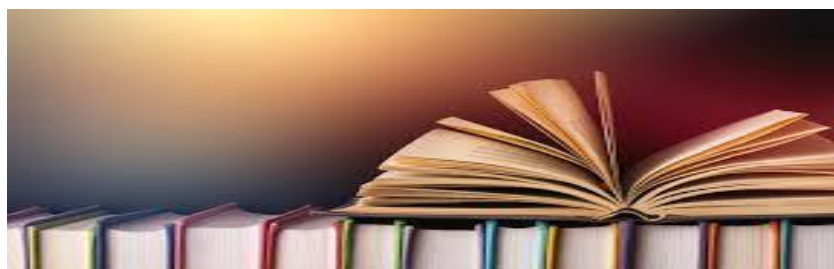
<https://mathsframe.co.uk/>

CRICKWEB: Crickweb has free online resources and games to help with reading, grammar and spelling and maths. Each game targets a specific topic and gives your child a score at the end so they can track their progress.

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Key-Stage-2.html>

EVERYSCHOOL: Reading comprehension.

<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/english-key-stage-2-comprehension-2.html>



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Recommended books for year 6 children. (Please check the 'blurb' and content first to see if the book is suitable for your child).



Love Reading 4Schools:

<https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/lists/36/Year-6-age-10-11>

Good Reads:

<https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/year-6>

Book Trust:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/1/100-best-books-9-11/>

Glossary of grammatical terms:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/244216/English_Glossary.pdf



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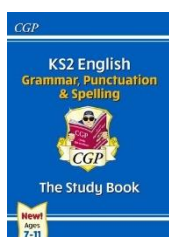
New Curriculum Spelling List Years 5 and 6



accommodate	communicate	equip	immediately	physical	sincerely
accompany	community	equipped	individual	prejudice	soldier
according	competition	equipment	interfere	privilege	stomach
achieve	conscience	especially	interrupt	profession	sufficient
aggressive	conscious	exaggerate	language	programme	suggest
amateur	controversy	excellent	leisure	pronunciation	symbol
ancient	convenience	existence	lightning	queue	system
apparent	correspond	explanation	marvellous	recognise	temperature
appreciate	criticise	familiar	mischievous	recommend	thorough
attached	curiosity	foreign	muscle	relevant	twelfth
available	definite	forty	necessary	restaurant	variety
average	desperate	frequently	neighbour	rhyme	vegetable
awkward	determined	government	nuisance	rhythm	vehicle
bargain	develop	guarantee	occupy	sacrifice	yacht
bruise	dictionary	harass	occur	secretary	
category	disastrous	hindrance	opportunity	shoulder	
cemetery	embarrass	identity	parliament	signature	
committee	environment	immediate	persuade	sincere	

Useful revision books and study guides:

A variety of friendly, colourful and easy-to-read study books which explain everything the children need to know about grammar, punctuation and spelling, reading and maths.



New KS2 English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Study Book - Ages 7-11 £2.75

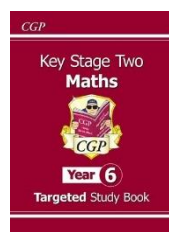


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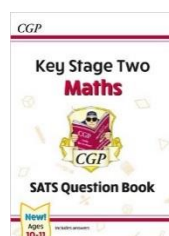
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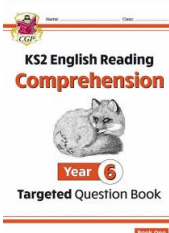
KS2 Maths Targeted Study Book - Year 6

£2.75



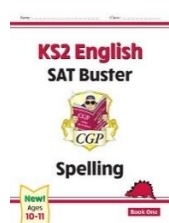
New KS2 Maths SATS Question Book - Ages 10-11 (for the 2022 tests)

£2.75



KS2 English Targeted Question Book: Year 6 Comprehension - Book 1

£2.10



New KS2 English SAT Buster: Spelling - Book 1 (for the 2022 tests)

£2.10

If you would like to purchase any of these revision guides (at a school discounted price) then please complete the online ordering form on Parent Mail by **Monday 18th October**. Please be aware that you do not need to purchase all revision guides – these are a sample of the guides we recommend.

If you have any further questions about the assessments then please let me know. We will be holding a SATs parents' information evening after Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 6 Team: Miss Cartwright (Assistant Head), Mrs Fletcher and Miss Pearson.

