

St Margaret's at Cliffe Primary School

Year 6 Newsletter

Terms 5 & 6 2019

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have now entered what will be your child's last terms at St Margaret's at Cliffe Primary and indeed in primary education. In a little over four months time, they will be embarking on the next phase of their lives as they begin their journey at secondary school. Clearly exciting times and challenges lie ahead, but before we part company there is plenty to pack in: a trip to France; a day out to Betteshanger Country Park; Bikeability training; a science fair; a production in the village hall and a leavers assembly, to name a few. These last two terms are going to be very busy and hopefully, mostly enjoyable if possibly a little emotional!



As I'm sure that you are aware, the children will be sitting their statutory assessment tests (SATs) week commencing Monday 13th May, the results of which provide a measure of their attainment and their progress throughout KS2, thus forming the baseline for their secondary education. The results are passed onto the secondary schools and may be used to set GCSE target grades. This year, Year 6 children around the country will be sitting formal, externally marked assessments in Reading Comprehension, Punctuation and Grammar; Spelling and Maths.

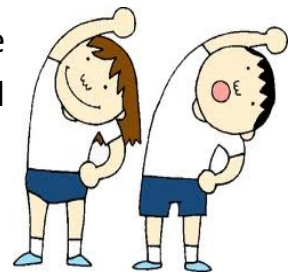
Monday 13th May	Punctuation and Grammar Test (One hour) Spelling (Approximately 20 minutes)
Tuesday 14th May	Reading Comprehension Test (One hour)
Wednesday 15th May	Arithmetic Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) Mathematics Paper 2 - Reasoning (40 minutes)
Thursday 16th May	Mathematics Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)

Writing is assessed through gathering a range of pieces showing whether your child is working at, above, or below age expected standards. We are currently working hard on developing a selection of pieces across a range of genre, fiction and non-fiction, which shows the levels your child is achieving.

Please make sure children are in school promptly on these test days, have had a healthy breakfast and most importantly a good nights sleep! Whilst we want your children to do themselves justice and do their best, they should not become stressed over the tests.

P.E.

Please ensure correct P.E. kits continue to be in school every day. We continue to have our fixed P.E. session on a Friday with Mr Castle. After the SATs we may be able to take opportunities to enjoy the warmer weather and have some additional P.E. sessions.



Homework

Homework will continue to be sent home as it is good preparation for the larger quantities that will be expected in September. However some weeks when lines have to be learnt for assemblies and productions this will form the basis for the homework.

Do, of course, continue to come and see me if you have any questions.

Many thanks

Mr Ball

