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Dear Parents and Carers

SATs is almost upon us. When we come back from the Easter break, we have just three weeks of teaching time at school and then the tests will begin. I have explained to the children that all I expect from them is that they do their best. In class we have discussed what 'best' looks like. This means focussing in lessons; working hard and completing the work set to the best of their ability; and asking when they do not understand something. We have also discussed what 'SATs success' looks like. It maybe the best score all year, a pass or greater depth.

Your child will be bringing home some revision material to complete over the holidays. In addition to this, I would like them to continue their learning in maths by playing on TT Rockstars and completing tasks on Mathletics. On the Google Classroom, I will put additional maths games for them to play and tutorial videos to watch. I am sure you will agree that this extra effort is only for a short period of time and the satisfaction and pride the children will feel of knowing that they 'did their best' will stand them in good stead for the challenges of secondary school.

If your child (or yourself) encounter any difficulties in completing any of the work set then I am contactable during the holidays. Your son or daughter has a Google Classroom login and they can send me a message. I will endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

The timetable for SATs week will be as follows:-

Monday 13 May Grammar, punctuation (45 minutes) and spelling

Tuesday 14 May Reading (1 hour)

Wednesday 15 May Arithmetic (30 minutes) Paper 2 reasoning (40 minutes)

Thursday 16 May Paper 3 reasoning (40 minutes)

Certain children are entitled to extra time (they will be informed of this) and many of the children will complete their tests in small groups or on a 1:1 basis to ensure they have every chance to do their best.

During SATs week (Monday to Thursday), we will run our popular SATs breakfast revision club where children can come into school from 8am, receive a free breakfast and take part in a revision warm up for the test that day. I would really encourage all children to attend (on time) as this builds confidence and often calms the nerves too!

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued support and wish you and your children a very happy Easter.

Best wishes

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