



MERIDIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

If you have a child in year 6, at the end of key stage 2, they will take the Year 6 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). This national curriculum tests include English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2024.

What are the Key Stage Two SATs?

The assessments are a way of making sure every child has mastered the basics when they leave primary education. The results also help teachers to identify where children may need extra help or support as they move into year 7 and begin their secondary education. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made across KS2 and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

What are we doing in school to support the children?

We have support in place, not only to help children with their SATs, but to ensure the children are ready for secondary school. There are different things in place to support this:

- After school booster
- In school booster sessions with Mr Doody
- Assembly booster
- Early bird maths to practise arithmetic
- 10 minutes SATs buster tests in reading and maths
- 1:1 work with pupils on individual gaps
- Access to TTRS

What can your child do at home?

- Practise times tables and number facts using Times Table Rockstar or Hit the Button.
- Read every day and write in their reading record.

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- Practise reading fluency by counting how many words they read aloud in a minute. Can they improve their score the next day?
- Practise spellings – the keywords are in the children's Reading Records. We have practised spelling strategies in school, such as breaking the word up into syllables, drawing a visual to remember the word, boxing up the word and playing games with the words (hangman).
- Tell us if they are finding something difficult.
- Next week, your child will come home with an order form for some revision guides. If you would like to purchase them for your children to practise their learning, please complete this. If you order through the school, the price is cheaper; the order form has information about how to pay. The selection of books are all helpful but we will highlight and write an 'R' on the ones that we recommend and children have found particularly helpful in the past. Here is a link to the website if you would like a further look: [Year 6 \(Ages 10-11\) | CGP Books](#)

We will be holding a SATs meeting on Friday 26th January 2024 in the hall at 3.20. In this meeting, we will share more information with you about how the tests are administered and how we will be preparing and supporting the children. There will also be the opportunity to ask any questions.

We also have Parents' Evening later on this term where we can discuss individual concerns. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Mrs Middleton and Mrs Beeching

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