



THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER – SUMMER TERM 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a relaxing break. It has been nice to see the children well rested as this is going to be quite a busy half term!

As you are aware, the children will be sitting their SATs exams this term.

The tests begin on Monday 13th May, and will finish on Thursday 16th May.

Monday 13th: Spelling and Grammar

Tuesday 14th: Reading

Wednesday 15th: Maths Papers 1 and 2

Thursday 16th: Maths Paper 3

Due to the importance of these exams, we will be devoting the vast majority of our time in class to revision. With exams covering Maths, Grammar, Reading Comprehension and Spelling, there is a lot of material to revise! We will also be finishing off *Wonder* our class novel from last half term and doing a lot of work about the book. It is a fantastic story which is going to give us lots of writing material and talking points for PSHE.

I will continue to send home revision materials each week. It is important that the children complete this work and bring it in on Thursday because although it doesn't appear to be marked; the children's results on it help me address misconceptions and plan lessons based on what they can and cannot do independently at home. Also, please, please practise the Year 5 and 6 spelling words with your child.

I know that a lot of misinformation is spread about the SATs and I just want to clarify a couple points:

- Children do not receive a 'level' of their performance.
- They either pass the tests or fail.
- The pass/fail rate changes each year (historically the bar goes up) so it is impossible for me to accurately gauge whether children will pass or fail this year based on last year's tests.
- Many secondary schools use the results to initially stream children into groups but some schools choose to retest children after the summer holiday.
- SATs results are probably more important to the school than to the children- depending on how your child feels, of course.

As an individual I am not a huge fan of this type of testing. **However**, your child has worked incredibly hard this year and when they open that envelope in July I want the result they see to match their effort. If they do not pass it is not the be all and end all of their education but this does not mean that they shouldn't try their hardest to get the result they deserve. They need to rest, de-stress, focus and try their best. It's time to turn off Fortnite for a couple weeks and get these tests over and done with.

PE will continue on Wednesday and Thursday. Children need a yellow t-shirt, black shorts or joggers and trainers. As it is getting warmer they will probably want to bring a reusable water bottle as well!

We are holding revision classes in the afternoon from 3:40-4:40 on Monday and Tuesday until the end of SATs and all children are welcome to join. Please ensure they have permission to go home independently or pick them up promptly at 4:40.

I am amazed every day at the enthusiasm and effort of the children in Year 6 this year. They are such a fantastic group of young people and I know you are as proud of them as I am.

As always please speak to with the office or me if you would like to arrange a meeting time with any questions or concerns!

Best Wishes,

Ms Tschiderer, Mr Korpala, and Ms Ouezene