

Year 6 Newsletter number 3 – Summer 2016

Welcome to the third of this year's newsletter. Obviously this term is going to be busy and there will be lots going on; most importantly, the SATs, which begin on **Monday 9th May**. This timetable shows you what is happening each day that week:

Monday 9th – English reading test

Tuesday 10th – English grammar, punctuation and spelling tests

Wednesday 11th – Mathematics tests – arithmetic and reasoning 1

Thursday 12th – Mathematics test – reasoning 2

In the lead up to the tests, it is really important that your child is in school as we will be doing a lot of last minute revision over the coming days. Also, please make sure that your child gets plenty of sleep during test week. We understand that some children find this particular week stressful, so we will be making sure that the afternoons in test week are filled with fun and relaxing activities.

MyMaths (www.mymaths.co.uk) is a brilliant revision tool offering plenty of practice, as does the Woodlands Junior website. (<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>) I also encourage your child to continue reading for 15 minutes every day to prepare them for the reading test.

Over the coming few days, Maths and English lessons are going to be focused on revision and we will continue looking at past papers and test questions and the key skills needed in both subjects. The children have been working hard preparing for the grammar test and I would like to point you again towards the BBC Bitesize website for extra practice. (www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2)

Following the SATs, we will be preparing the children for transition to High School. There will be a number of transition days after half term, where your child will spend time at their chosen high school, experiencing lessons and meeting teachers. Staff will also be coming into school to meet the children in class.

Our topics this term include Forces, Living Things and their Habitats, Rivers and the artist Andy Goldsworthy.

Homework will continue to be given out each Friday, to be returned by the following Wednesday. Homework will include daily reading of at least 15 minutes (this could be to themselves, to you or a mix of the two), practising a times table, a maths activity based on work covered in class during the week and an English activity. There may be lists of spellings to learn and topic-based research too, including homework projects that run over several weeks. Mrs Turner will be running homework club during Assembly time on Friday and Monday each week, as well as an after school club each Tuesday from 3-4pm, should your child wish to attend. Missed homework will be made up in your child's playtimes. We appreciate your support in helping your child to do their homework.

Diary dates – SATs week beginning 9th May, Author visit at Sheringham High School 28th June, Leavers' Assembly 20th July, 9:10am.

If you have any concerns, please come in and talk to me or pop a note in your child's planner, as I check these weekly.

Mrs Kurtz