

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

## Year 6 - Summer 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and managed to spend some quality time with your families. This letter provides some key information about a very important half term in Year 6.

As always, we would like to say thank you for all the support you have given your child last term. A strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

### Homework:

Your child will continue to complete 3 activities in their CGP SATs books: a Maths, a Reading and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) each week. Each Monday, we will assign work to be completed in all three books. The children are given all week to complete these tasks (this half term, they will be given SET C). If the work is not complete, or they do not remember to hand in their books, they will be in Homework Club on Monday lunchtimes with myself and Mr Pollock. This is good practise for life in secondary school, where homework will be set daily.

Daily	Monday	Friday	Half Termly
Reading for 15 minutes 	Maths, Reading and SPaG SATs practice with CGP books	Spelling 	A project will be set for the children based around the topic they have been learning at school.

### English:

This half term will be centred around the book 'The Last Bear', a heart-warming story about an eleven-year-old girl on an adventure in the Arctic Circle. With themes of global warming and looking after our planet, it links nicely with our chosen theme for this half term 'Change'.



## Entry point

This book will lead the children into our entry point for this half term, creating a poster on a chosen environmental cause that they care about and is relevant to Croydon. The winning designs will then be prepared to be stuck in local shops and business in the local area by School Council and the winning children. A very exciting opportunity for the year group to make a difference in their local community.

## Exit point

To bring this theme to a close, we will be preparing a motivational and inspiring speech in our English lessons for our exit point this half term. This speech will be delivered to classes, the year group, with winning speeches being heard in whole school assembly! We think this is an excellent exit point to help the children build their confidence with talking in front of an audience, supporting them with the transition to Year 7.

Spanish, Music and P.E will be taught by specialist teachers.

## SATs

The Year 6 standard assessment tests (SATs) begin on Tuesday 9th May. These tests are taken by every Year 6 child in England in order to assess their progress in Reading, SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Maths. It is vital to remember that our pupils should give their best, as they always do, but that these tests should not impact on their well-being. We are proud of every one of our Year 6 pupils and how they have progressed at Elmwood. It is extremely important that your child attends school on these days. If they are feeling unwell, please encourage them to attend school at least for the morning to complete the tests. It is vital that they arrive at school on time throughout the week as preparation for the tests starts promptly after registration. We would greatly appreciate it if in the run up to, and throughout the week itself, your child has early nights in order for them to feel awake, ready and prepared for their busy day ahead. To help prepare the children every morning that week, we will be providing a breakfast of cereal, toast and a selection of fruit and yoghurts free of charge in the school hall. This will begin at 8:10am. Finally, we recommend that your child brings a bottle of water to ensure they stay hydrated during the tests.

The SATs structure will be as follows:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Grammar and Punctuation (45 mins) and Spelling (20 mins)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Reading (60 mins)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Maths Arithmetic Paper 1 (30 mins) and Maths Reasoning Paper 2 (40 mins)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Maths Reasoning Paper 3 (40 mins)



## Helpful SATs Revision Websites

Corbett Maths- <https://corbettmaths.com/>

This website consists of every Maths topic that could potentially be asked in a SATs Maths test. Each topic folder includes a helpful recap video, worksheets and answer sheets.

Mathsbot- <https://mathsbot.com/primaryMenu>

This website is a very helpful resource which many of the children are already familiar with. It contains countless revision tools as well as very helpful self-marking arithmetic tests.

If you or your child has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

Best Wishes

The Year 6 Team

