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Year 6 SATs Preparation

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we approach the time of Year 6 SATs, I want to take a moment to talk about the importance of these assessments and how they contribute to your child's educational journey.

Year 6 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) are a significant milestone in your child's primary education. They are designed to assess the skills and knowledge that children have acquired during their time at primary school, specifically in key areas such as mathematics and English. Here are some key points on why these assessments matter:

- 1. Measuring Progress:** SATs provide a clear indication of your child's learning and understanding of the curriculum. They help teachers identify strengths and areas for development, enabling tailored support as students transition to secondary school.
- 2. Transition to Secondary School:** The results of the Year 6 SATs are often used by secondary schools to help them understand students' academic abilities. This information can inform teaching strategies and classroom placements to ensure a smooth transition.
- 3. Building Confidence:** Preparing for and completing the SATs can help build your child's confidence in their academic abilities. It encourages them to take ownership of their learning and understand the importance of their efforts in education.
- 4. Parental Engagement:** These assessments offer an opportunity for you, as parents, to engage in discussions about your child's educational journey. Supporting them through preparation can strengthen your relationship and help them understand the value of their education.
- 5. Curriculum Development:** The collective results of SATs are also used by educational authorities to evaluate the effectiveness of the primary school curriculum across the country. This helps in making informed decisions that can lead to improvements in teaching and learning resources.

As we prepare for the SATs, I encourage you to support your child by discussing what they are learning, encouraging regular study habits, and assuring them to do their best without added pressure. **It is imperative that your child attends school every day and on time to ensure they do not miss out on valuable lessons and revision time in preparation for the SATs, which start on Monday, 12th May 2025.**

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's preparation further, please feel free to get in touch.

Mr Sheppard & the Year 6 Team