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Dear Parents,

RE: Year 6 SATs Revision

I know that many of you have asked to have an idea of the SATs revision programme we will be running.

It will mainly follow the same form as in previous years, but with a few additions. It is important that preparation is done systematically so that full teaching of the programme of study is completed first and pupils do not become over exposed to SATs papers too soon before the tests as they may switch off.

In January, February and March class work will be devoted to completing the programme of study for Year 6 as the bulk of the revision can only take place once all aspects have been covered. **Certain aspects of Maths will be practised continually** e.g. mental maths and problem solving (called 'Using and Applying' in the programme of study). **During January the pupils will also take a whole SATs paper** as practise in technique. As part of the revision programme pupils will be experiencing both whole papers and selected questions. If you intend to use old papers and questions at home there will inevitably be overlap. **For your information; the papers before 2010 are no longer typical, but can still be useful.** The kinds of questions set in SATs underwent a new focus in 2010 and 2011.

In April the full revision programme gets underway. Pupils are encouraged to shape their own revision programme by identifying areas they feel less confident in, as well as areas determined by the teacher. **There will be further practice in both whole SATs papers and individual questions.** Pupils' homework diaries will have information about the areas of maths being revised in a particular week and how the homework links in. During this time **lunchtime revision clubs** will be offered, with a focus on using computer programmes as a revision tool.

Pupils are encouraged to approach the practice papers and questions with the attitude of 'Think, Do, Check' as this helps to avoid careless mistakes.

Helping your child at home is obviously useful and a list of websites/ revision books is included below. Using a search will come up with plenty of sites, but we like these because they are either tried and tested or have a games bias – so children will want to do them. There are other things which will help. **A thorough knowledge of times tables** cannot be stressed enough: **this means instant recall** of tables facts out of order and jumbled up and also the corresponding division facts e.g. $7 \times 4 = 28$, 28 divided by 4 equals 7 and so on. Although it probably goes without saying, plenty of sleep and a good breakfast especially in SATs week is invaluable.

The first websites on the list are good for general maths practice and will be most useful to start with; the following ones are to do with SATS revision and will be more useful closer to the time.

[www.mymaths](http://www.mymaths.com)

[www.kangaroomaths](http://www.kangaroomaths.com)

bbc.co.uk/schools/4-11/site/numeracy.shtml

<http://uk.ixl.com>

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/sats

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2 bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2/bitesize)

[www.10ticks](http://www.10ticks.com)

www.mathsstar.com

www.st-josephs-pickering.n-yorks.uk/ks2_mathematics_sats_past_papers.htm

www.higherbebington.wirral.sch.uk

If we can help in any way, please just ask.

Yours sincerely,

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