

6 January 2015

Dear Parents

A Happy New Year to you all! I hope that the Christmas holidays brought you lots of fun times with your families and some time for rest, despite all the craziness!

Here we are – Spring Term already. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support last term and your encouragement in aspects such as reading and homework. This is very much appreciated.

In class, we will be working hard to improve standards of work and for each child to make progress. We will continue to use writing targets to support our developing writing and will also be using our Maths passports to improve Mental Maths accuracy.

Staff from South Hunsley will be coming in to Year 6 next week to carry out CAT tests with the pupils. CATs are Cognitive Ability Tests and are used by South Hunsley, in conjunction with the children's SAT scores, and my teacher assessment from later in the year, to build up a pupil profile for each of the children.

SATS

Dates for Standard Attainments Tests (SATs) will be the week beginning the 11 May 2015. Please put these important dates in the family diary and avoid any planned absences in the build-up to this assessment period.

As the term progresses, I will begin to mention SATs more often to the children as we will complete practise tests and activities more. By doing this, we will focus on the skills and techniques required to succeed in these tests.

Homework

This half term, I will continue to give out homework most weeks on Fridays, unless another day is more suitable. As mentioned in the previous letter, I have been impressed with the pride taken by many children in their homework.

Spelling lists will be given out when applicable.

Reading

Please continue to hear you child read as much as possible. Encourage them to discuss their thoughts and opinions as well as summarising the text. As of last term, the children may change their books when needed. Thank you for your continued support in this.

Year 6 timetable

PE is timetabled for a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday this half term, although it is best that the children do have their kits in school every day in case of any other events or necessary changes to timetables. Children should ideally bring their kits in this week and be able to leave them in their lockers for the rest of the half term. We are studying dance this half term.

As always, I am happy to speak to you regarding queries or concerns. Either make an appointment at the school office, call or pop in after school.

Best wishes

Joanne Seddon