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6TM newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new half term which is going to be a very busy one. I hope you and your child enjoyed the half term break and that they are back at school refreshed and ready to learn. During this half term we have a lot to achieve; obviously we have SATs to continue preparing for and this is our main focus but we also have some visitors coming into school for activity sessions as well as continuing with all the other foundation subjects.

Visitors

We welcome Lizzie back with her skipping workshops. 6TM will have a skipping workshop on Wednesday (1/3/2023) so should come to school in their PE kit for this session. Later in the term, we welcome James Dasaolu (a GB sprinter) who will be running an exercise session and an assembly for the children.

Topic

This term, during our topic lessons, we will be continuing our work on the Maya an ancient Central American civilisation. By the end of this term, pupils will be expected to produce a piece of extended writing demonstrating both their writing skills and what they have learnt about the Maya.

PE lessons

On Thursday afternoons we will be learning how to play Quicksticks (an age appropriate version of hockey) and handball. As this will be outdoors, pupils need to be wearing trainers (not plimsolls) and a tracksuit or sweat shirt is advised, at least until the weather warms up. On Wednesday, before lunch, we will be having our indoor PE lesson which will be gymnastic based.

Homework

Maths and English homework will be set on a Monday and is expected to be handed in on a Friday. Pupils can also attend homework club at school on Tuesday if they need to in order to complete their work. As there is no topic related homework, pupils are expected to spend more time independently working on their reading, grammar and maths skills. This could be achieved by reading a wider range of texts for an extended period (at least 20-minute blocks) or by spending time on various websites that they are aware of to develop their skills. All pupils should be reading for 30 minutes each evening to develop their fluency skills



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SATs

The timetable for SATs is as follows:

MOCK SATs	<u>Tuesday 21/3/23</u> Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	<u>Wednesday 22/3/23</u> Reading	<u>Thursday 23/3/23</u> Maths Paper 1 Maths Paper 2	<u>Friday 24/3/23</u> Maths Paper 3
SATs	<u>Tuesday 9/5/23</u> Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	<u>Wednesday 10/5/23</u> Reading	<u>Thursday 11/5/23</u> Maths Paper 1 Maths Paper 2	<u>Friday 12/5/23</u> Maths Paper 3

We will be holding a parent information session for the SATs on Monday 13th March @ 2.30pm at school, it would be lovely to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Michelmores, Mrs Webb, Mrs Wiper and Mr Gwilliam.