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Dear parents and carers,

The National Curriculum tests are now upon us and in order to keep you informed with details of the week we have included in this letter a timetable for the week.

Over the course of the week we will be meeting together for SAT breakfast each morning. This gives the children a chance to relax with their friends, have something to eat, listen to some music and prepare for the day ahead. It has the added advantage of ensuring they are here on time! We aim to make the week as relaxed as possible for the children. As you can see from the timetable, the longest test is on Monday morning; this is the reading paper, which lasts 1 hour. The rest of the tests are between 30 and 45 minutes long. At this stage the children are able to work for these periods without any strain.

Afternoons are dedicated to releasing a bit of steam, getting creative and getting active. In our experience, SAT week is very popular with the children- extra breaks! In our combined experience of about 20 years in Year 6, we have never had children crying or breaking down before these tests. They know, as we do, everyone has done everything possible to ensure they get the best possible results. They know, as we do, that these results will have a limited short-term impact on their educational career but will not result in any doors closing. They know, as we do, that there are so many other facets of their education that are not assessed- and none of their unique, special characteristics are.

We couldn't be prouder of this group of children. They have worked so hard, raised their games so far, that there is not one child who cannot be incredibly proud of their achievements. All we ask now is that the children have a restful weekend doing other things than thinking about SATs. At this late stage, this rest will be more beneficial than any last minute revision, we have found.

We thank you for your ongoing support this year. Have a good weekend.

Best regards
The Year 6 team



Day	Test	Duration
Monday 8th May	English Reading paper	60 minutes
Tuesday 9th May	Spelling, punctuation and grammar paper	45 minutes
	Spelling paper	Approximately 20 minutes
Wednesday 10th May	Arithmetic paper	30 minutes
	Reasoning Paper 1	40 minutes
Thursday 11th May	Reasoning Paper 2	40 minutes

