

To Parents of Upper Dart Summer Newsletter 2019

A big welcome back to you all, I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break and enjoyed the lovely sunny weather.

This term Upper Dart will be taught by Mrs Reynolds on Mondays and Mrs Carr Tuesday to Friday. We have Mrs Cockram training with us in class and we will have TA support from Ella Thompson.

Here is the SATs timetable for the week beginning 13th May. These are statutory tests and during the time that the Year 6 children are sitting them, the Year 4 and 5 pupils will be sitting similar assessments and the results will be used as progress markers in the school. We will be emphasising to the children that they must not get anxious about the tests. They are very much about measuring the levels of achievement reached by the children during their Primary School years.

Leading up to these tests, we will be doing some revision in class time, and, in lieu of homework, we will encourage the Y6 children to take some time to look at past papers or go online to Bitesize Revision for particular points they would like to revisit at www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize

We will also be running a Maths Breakfast club at 8:30 on Friday mornings.

SATS timetable for May 2019

Date	Exam
Monday 13 May 2019	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 1 Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar - Paper 2
Tuesday 14 May 2019	English Reading
Wednesday 15 May 2019	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16 May 2019	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Our topic this term will be 'Animal Welfare' the children will learn about caring for different types of domestic animals, as well as exploring the wildlife in and around Widecombe and investigating how we can monitor and conserve different species and their habitats.

This theme will run through much of the children's studies, particularly within science, literacy, art and design. We will be taking inspiration from the beautiful books: Animalium and Botanicum and working towards adding our own Dartmoor entries.

If any family members have information books or knowledge about our local wild animal species, flora and fauna I would be very grateful if this could be brought into school to share with the class.

Homework will be set on Thursdays and due in the following Wednesday. The children will also have some occasional consolidation work for numeracy and literacy, depending on those groups each week that would benefit from further practice. There will also be project based home learning in the form of two to three week assignments. A note will be posted in homework books every week with details about current home learning, this will also give parents the opportunity to add any comments they wish the teachers to read. Year 6s will have some revision tasks instead.

Children will have a PE lesson on Thursday and swimming on Friday, however, we may have additional sessions on other days of the week this term. Please could they have full, named PE kits, and swimming kits, where possible, in school at all times. The Year 5 and 6 summer residential to Slapton Ley is from Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st. All Year 4s will take part in a mixed curricular activity week in school.

Thank you for supporting our work in school by encouraging your child to read for 20 minutes each day, completing homework and having their books and PE kits in school. If you have any queries, or are at all concerned about your child, please do come and see us.

Lucy Carr and Paula Reynolds