

Dear Y6 Parents and Carers,

Now that the SATs are over, I feel that I need to write to you to let you know how immensely proud I am of your child. I can categorically say that all of the children have done their absolute best, which is all I asked of them. Their attitude to the tests was exemplary and they used them as an opportunity to 'show off' their knowledge and understanding rather than worry too much.

The papers varied in difficulty but the children tackled them with confidence and came out of them feeling relatively happy.

The results will be available to school in July, but if I'm being perfectly honest, they won't tell me anything I don't already know. I can honestly say I feel privileged to have taught your child this year and have got to know them really well. I know that some of them are gifted gymnasts, some like to draw and paint, some are outstanding musicians or are talented at a specific sport and, as you know, the tests don't show this. If your child doesn't get the score they were hoping for in July, please remind them that they are still amazing and should be very proud of themselves for the work they have done throughout their time at The Ellis CE Primary School. I would like to say a really big thank you, to you and your family, for supporting school during the SATs process. As a school, we tried to make the process quite relaxed and have been very mindful not to put too much pressure on children whilst also preparing them fully for the tests.

Moving forward

Now the SATs are done we can get back to some 'proper' learning and I'm sure we will have lots of fun until the end of the school year. Our next topic is 'Who features on our banknote?' which we will be starting on the 4th June. Please note from now on I won't be sending homework (as such), but children will have the opportunity to continue parts of their learning at home if they wish to.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you for Summer 2.

PE

Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit (white top and black short/joggers) in school on these days.

Outdoor learning

There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing! At The Ellis we love to learn outside and in Y6 we will be using our outdoor classroom and wider school environment as much as possible. This means that your child will need appropriate footwear and coats every day. Indoor pumps will be needed in school to protect our classrooms from the inevitable mud!

Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book to enjoy and share with you at home. They can also read books or other reading materials of their choosing at home. Please record in their reading

diary when they have read to an adult or maybe an older sibling. We ask that reading diaries are in your child's book bag every day. If reading diaries are filled then we will send home a second diary free of charge, however if it is lost then we ask that a new one is bought from the office at the cost of £1. Your child is welcome to change their book any day of the week when they have completed it, however, it is their responsibility to ensure books are changed regularly. Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading.

English

We be using 'Night Sands' by Levi Pinfold to inspire our writing this half-term. We will start the half term by writing a poem, letting our creative brains flow.

In our VIPERS (reading) lessons, we will develop our comprehension skills while focusing on 'How to be a Human' by Karen McCombie - a fantastic book focusing on the transition of students to a new school.

Maths

We will be focusing on consolidation of all areas in the Mathematics curriculum. We are working incredibly hard in all aspects of Y6 maths and the Y6 team continue to be proud every day.

Science

Our Science learning will focus on 'Keeping healthy' this half term. We will be looking at how to stay healthy in our lives going forward.

History

In History, we will be exploring 'Who features on our banknote?' - looking at key historical figures throughout British history.

RE

In RE, we will be exploring Islam. We will be looking at whether 'Belief in Akhirah (Life after death) helps Muslims lead good lives'.

PE

We will be focusing on OAA (Tuesdays) and Rounders (Thursdays).

Art

Building on their existing artistic skills, the children will be working at navigating the digital world, through a range of technology.

Computing

We will be introduced to spreadsheets. We will be using Microsoft excel to create a range of spreadsheets, looking at formula, research and much more!

French

Our French learning will focus on consolidating our previously taught vocabulary.

Music

We will be focusing on composing and performing a leavers song.

PSHE

We will be looking at First Aid and growing and changing in PSHE.

Kind Regards

The Y6 Team