



# Bishops Lydeard

## Church School

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Dear Parents,

### 10 Minute Test Books

In order to continue to support the Year 6s in their learning and to help prepare them for the SATs tests in May, we have a set of 10 minute test books for reading, SPaG and maths which the children use for homework. These books have been used in previous years and proved invaluable in supporting the Year 6s in their learning; making a positive impact on their achievement.

The books cost **£4.50 for the set of 3** and are incredibly good value. **Please use ParentPay to make payment for the books.**

After conversations at parents evening, I thought it would be useful to clarify homework expectations in Year 6. Below is the homework expectation for Year 6 – most of which is already being done weekly.

Reading	<p>The end of year 6 reading test last year required a reading age of 15 years to be able to fluently access it. This is a lot to ask of an 11 year old and as such makes regular, sustained reading at home incredibly important. It also means that reading a wide range of texts is important: not just fiction and not just the same style of fiction book.</p> <p>5x weekly at home, mostly silent reading but with some discussion of the book with an adult and at least once a week reading out loud to an adult. There are questions that could be used in their reading records. The children should list words that they were unfamiliar with or that they really liked in the reading record each time they read. There should be an adult signature weekly in the reading record.</p> <p>Reading records will be checked on a Friday in school.</p>
Spelling	<p>Words that follow the weekly spelling rule will be sent home on a Monday to be tested on a Friday. After half term, their weekly spelling test will consist of some of the words learnt that week and some words which test rules learnt in previous weeks. Revisiting previously taught rules has a significant positive impact on their spelling accuracy.</p>
Maths	<p>2x weekly use of <a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk">www.topmarks.co.uk</a> Hit the Button to practise + and - facts. I would recommend 10 minutes each time.</p>
SATs	<p>10 minute test books. Each week I will set a test for reading, SPaG and maths. These will take a total of 30 minutes. Using the answers in the back of each book, please mark these tests with your children and discuss with them any questions they were not sure of. These books should be in school on a Friday for us to discuss any common tricky areas and provide support and further practise where needed.</p>

Any questions, please ask,

Mrs Harris

