



Bishops Lydeard

Church School

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'That they may have life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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Dear Parents,

Year 6 - 10 Minute Test Books

In order to continue to support the Year 6s to become more independent in their learning in readiness for their transition to secondary school and to help prepare them for the end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests in May, we have a set 10 minute test books for reading, SPaG and maths which the children use for homework.

The books enable Year 6 pupils to revisit their learning across the whole of KS2 which is important as they complete KS2 before moving into KS3. 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 £6.50 for the set of 3 and are incredibly good value. Please use ParentPay to make payment to purchase the books.

Below is a reminder of the homework expectations including the additional homework of the 10 minute test books.

Reading	<p>Reading fluency and comprehension is of critical importance to learning within KS3 and building stamina and fluency within increasingly challenging books is crucial. The end of Key Stage 2 reading tests have previously required a reading age ranging from 13 - 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. The children should list words that they were unfamiliar with or that they really liked in the reading record each time they read as broadening their vocabulary is key to being able to comprehend what is read.</p> <p>The children should read for a minimum of 15-20 minutes at a time in order to be able to develop the stamina in reading they need for the end of Key Stage 2 and to begin Key Stage 3.</p> <p>The page numbers read should be recorded and there should be adult signatures for each read 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. Their weekly spelling test will continue to consist of some of the words learnt that week and some words which test rules learnt in previous weeks. Revisiting previously taught rules has</p>



	a significant positive impact on their spelling accuracy. If the children are able to spell the words already, they should use the spelling rule to identify other words which follow the same rule.
Maths	<p>3x weekly use of www.topmarks.co.uk Hit the Button to practise +, -, x and ÷ facts. I would recommend 10 minutes each time.</p> <p>The website use is free but it can also be downloaded as an app.</p> <p>Until Christmas please continue to focus on + / - facts using Hit the Button.</p> <p>Please record and sign to say the learning has been completed in the reading record.</p> <p>DK 10 minutes a day is a free app which covers x tables and can also be used to help recall x facts.</p>
SATs	10 minute tests 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 about. These books should be in school on a Friday.

Any questions, please ask,

Mrs Harris

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