

SATs, writing and the creative curriculum

With just two weeks to go till the SATs, we wanted to remind you of the dates and other important information.

Remember that these tests aim to provide Year 6 pupils with the opportunity to showcase everything they have learned this year. It is their chance to show off their skills!

Every morning of the SATs, the Year 6 team will be serving breakfast to the children from 8:10am in the main hall (accessed through the KS1 playground/breakfast club entrance).

We will offer juice, cereal, fruit, yoghurt, pastries and toast with a variety of toppings.

Even if your child prefers to eat breakfast at home, this is a lovely opportunity for them to sit and relax with their friends before the tests.

The dates for the SATs are:

Monday 13 May 2019

English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2

Tuesday 14 May 2019

English reading paper

Wednesday 15 May 2019

Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

Thursday 16 May 2019

Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

Since our return to school after the Easter break, we have been revising our topics in Maths, brushing up on our Comprehension skills and honing our knowledge of Grammatical terms.

We have also been continuing with our creative curriculum subjects. The children have been learning about Pop Art in order to create their own screen-printed tote bags; we are learning about light in Science; exploring the works of Rudyard Kipling in English (The Jungle Book and Just So Stories);

completing our anti-bullying films in Computing and taking part in Athletics in PE.

We will continue to explore the creative curriculum in the run up to – and following – the national statutory tests.

We will also be working hard on developing our writing over this period. Pupils will be asked to write focused, independent pieces of writing to show us that they are able to write a variety of texts for different audiences.

Please remember that it is important for pupils in Year 6 to maintain their focus and attendance during this period. There is still so much to learn!

We will be exploring the transition to secondary school: learning about issues that may affect them as they start the next phase of their education. External agencies will visit the school to offer talks and workshops to the pupils. These include the Red Cross (First Aid and Refugee Awareness), TFL (travel safety), the Met Police (being a responsible Junior Citizen) and – of course – One Drum.

We will be working hard on our leavers' play; reading Skellig and exploring poetry and developing our problem solving skills in Maths. The children will also be asked to complete a project in school over the Summer term.

We have so many exciting projects planned to help make your child's final term at Handsworth a memorable one!