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Tuesday 9 January 2024

Dear Year 6 Parents

I thought it might prove helpful for me to advise you of arrangements that the school will be putting in place over the coming months, as you will be aware that your son/daughter will be taking part in the Key Stage 2 National tests during the week beginning Monday 13 May 2024.

Since we became a primary school our Year 6 children complete these tests. We have had very positive feedback from children, parents and staff, particularly around how we prepared and supported all the children through the Key Stage 2 tests. This feedback has been considered by the school's Senior Leadership Team and discussed with governors when considering and analysing the results of those tests.

We are continually reviewing the school's provision in this respect and have delivered a 'Mock test week' during January in previous years. This was successful and we had positive feedback from children and parents. **The main aim of this is to give the children an opportunity to experience what the actual test week will feel like (particularly having a test each day) in their classroom, with the tables set out as for the actual tests in May.** We feel it will give the children the opportunity to practise their exam techniques and develop their stamina and resilience in responding to questions under timed conditions.

The 'Mock test week' has been arranged to take place in the week beginning Monday 22 January 2024.

The practice tests will be marked and the results will be shared with the children and yourselves. The results will enable staff to continue to support children with their exam techniques as well as to analyse gaps in the children's knowledge and to analyse how children answered different types of questions.

You will appreciate that we are only part way through the year and some of the curriculum is still to be covered. We will be making this-very clear to the children and in particular that these tests are a '**practice**' to support them in preparing for the 'real' tests in May. **I would urge you to support your children in this and remind them that the focus is on exam technique and NOT knowledge at this point in the year. There is no need for them to undertake any revision for the practice tests.**

Please see attached the timetable for the week.

Some children may benefit from different **access arrangements** and we will be contacting you separately to discuss your child's provision and how the tests will be delivered as set out within the statutory regulations of the national tests.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

