



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome Year 6 back, refreshed after the Easter Holidays, ready to make the most of their last term here at Tatworth and prepare for the challenges of secondary school. We have a lot to look forward to this term and I hope the children will leave with lots of happy memories!

Please remember as the weather warms up, to send children with a hat, sun-cream and water bottle - we will make the most of any opportunities to take our learning outside!

### SATs

SATs tests will take place during the week commencing Tuesday 9th May. We are busy at school preparing for the tests but the most important thing is for the children to approach them with a positive attitude. I know that the children will work hard in the next few weeks and give it their all on the day! Following the tests themselves, we will continue to focus on our writing and collect evidence for the writing assessment later in the term.

### Curriculum

The topics for each subject this term are as follows:

History - Chard's industrial past

Geography - ocean currents and climate change

RE - understand and explore the concepts of Grace and Mercy and their significance to Christians

Science - We will be learning about evolution, inheritance and adaptation, including human reproduction. We will also be making some time for independent investigations, to explore our own interests.

Art - portraits

DT - cultural foods

PE will continue to be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

### PSHE

We will be tackling some challenging topics in PSHE this term, as they head towards secondary school, including Sex and Relationship Education.

In these lessons, we aim to prepare the children not only for biological and physical changes that are beginning to take place in their bodies but also the social and emotional implications of these. The lessons are designed to teach the children respect for themselves and each other. A copy of the Sex Education Policy will be sent to parents/carers before these lessons take place.

We will also be thinking about how to prepare practically and emotionally for the transition to secondary school in our PSHE lessons.

## Homework

### Reading

It is essential that we continue to encourage children to develop their fluency, comprehension and vocabulary, to enable them to access their learning in all of their subjects in secondary school. As before, we will be monitoring reading records weekly. Although, in Year 6, we are encouraging children to develop their independence, your support in talking to them about their reading and signing their reading records, is very much appreciated.

### Spelling

We will continue with weekly spelling sheets and regular tests throughout this term.

### Maths

In order to ensure children are continuing to practise and retain their maths skills for next year, maths homework will continue throughout the term. All children have brought home their maths homework book today, along with a letter including the dates for each homework. Please note that due to events going on in school during the summer term, some of the homeworks have two weeks to be completed instead of one - so no there are no excuses!!

		Booklets come home	Hand in booklet at school
Section 3	Test 7	Friday 21st Apr	Thursday 4th May
	Test 8	Friday 5th May	Thursday 18th May
	Test 9	Friday 19th May	Thursday 8th Jun
	Test 10	Friday 9th Jun	Thursday 15th Jun
	Test 11	Friday 16th Jun	Thursday 29th Jun
	Test 12 and Progress Test	Friday 30th Jun	Thursday 6th Jul

### Leavers

As the children are preparing for Secondary School, we will continue to talk about any concerns as a class and think about what we can do to prepare ourselves. Later in the term, there will be transition days so the children will have the chance to spend time at their new school, meet other children, meet some of the teachers and experience the school site during a full school day.

We will have a Leavers' Trip in July - details to follow soon! During the last week of term, there will be some Leavers' events - again, details to follow.

Thank you for your continuing support during this final primary school term - we have nearly made it! 😊

Mrs Hewitson