

SATS INFORMATION

11/5/26

Mon SPAG

Tue READING

Wed ARITHMETIC & REASONING

Thu REASONING

Fri PICNIC/FUN DAY

DURING SATS WEEK, WE WILL ASK THE CHILDREN TO ARRIVE EARLIER SO WE CAN ALL ENJOY BREAKFAST TOGETHER. THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, WE WILL CONTINUE ADDRESSING ANY MISCONCEPTIONS, ENCOURAGING THE CHILDREN TO ALSO WORK ON THESE AT HOME USING THE SATS COMPANION PRACTICE. THE SCHOOL DAYS WILL PROCEED AS USUAL, MAINTAINING OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE.

SUBJECT FOCUS AREAS

1. MATHEMATICS: THE "BIG HITTERS"

OVER 50% OF THE MARKS IN THE MATHS PAPERS OFTEN COME FROM THE YEAR 3–5 CURRICULUM. DON'T JUST FOCUS ON THE HARDEST YEAR 6 TOPICS; NAIL THE FOUNDATIONS FIRST.

- ARITHMETIC MASTERY: PRACTICE ONE ARITHMETIC PAPER A WEEK. AIM FOR SPEED AND ACCURACY IN LONG MULTIPLICATION AND DIVISION.
- THE "KFC" METHOD: FOR DIVIDING FRACTIONS: KEEP THE FIRST FRACTION, FLIP THE SECOND, CHANGE THE SIGN TO MULTIPLICATION.
- REASONING VOCABULARY: LOOK OUT FOR "COMMAND WORDS" LIKE ESTIMATE, EXPLAIN, AND COMPARE.

2. ENGLISH READING: SPEED & EVIDENCE

THE READING PAPER IS OFTEN THE TIGHTEST FOR TIME.

- SKIMMING & SCANNING: PRACTICE FINDING A SPECIFIC WORD OR DATE IN A TEXT WITHIN 10 SECONDS.
- WWW CHAIN: WHEN ANSWERING 3-MARK QUESTIONS, REMEMBER: WHAT, WHERE (QUOTE), HOW.
- VOCABULARY: IF YOU FIND A WORD YOU DON'T KNOW, LOOK AT THE SENTENCES AROUND IT FOR CLUES (CONTEXT).

3. GPS (GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION & SPELLING)

- THE "TICK ONE" TRAP: ALWAYS DOUBLE-CHECK IF THE QUESTION SAYS "TICK ONE" OR "TICK TWO." THIS IS A CLASSIC WAY TO LOSE EASY MARKS!
- VERB TENSES: ENSURE YOU CAN IDENTIFY THE PAST PROGRESSIVE (E.G., "WAS WALKING") VS. THE PRESENT PERFECT (E.G., "HAS WALKED").

TOP REVISION STRATEGIES

- LITTLE AND OFTEN: 20 MINUTES OF FOCUSED REVISION IS BETTER THAN TWO HOURS OF STARING AT A BOOK.
- TEACH A "STUDENT": EXPLAIN A CONCEPT (LIKE HOW TO FIND A PERCENTAGE) TO A PARENT OR A TOY. IF YOU CAN TEACH IT, YOU KNOW IT.
- POST-IT WALLS: PUT TRICKY SPELLINGS OR MATH FORMULAS ON POST-ITS AROUND THE HOUSE –ABOVE THE KETTLE OR ON THE BATHROOM MIRROR.
- SATS COMPANION IS A FANTASTIC RESOURCE, WHERE THE CHILDREN CAN WATCH MINI VIDEOS OF CONCEPTS THEY FIND TRICKY AND COMPLETE TASKS TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR UNDERSTANDING.

MINDSET OVER MARKS

REMEMBER, SATS ARE A TEST FOR THE SCHOOL AS MUCH AS THEY ARE FOR YOU.

- SLEEP IS A SUPERPOWER: AIM FOR 9–10 HOURS OF SLEEP DURING THE REVISION WEEKS.
- MISTAKES ARE DATA: DON'T BE AFRAID OF GETTING THINGS WRONG IN PRACTICE. EVERY MISTAKE SHOWS YOU EXACTLY WHAT YOU NEED TO LOOK AT NEXT.