



## **How are we preparing your child for the end of Key Stage Two Assessments?**

At Gorseley Bank we pride ourselves on the way the children are prepared for their end of KS2 assessments.

We do everything we can to ensure that our pupils achieve well but without feeling pressured or overwhelmed by the experience. Feedback from pupils and parents is always positive and the children's excellent results speak for themselves.

So how do we ensure the children are ready?

- **Quality First Teaching and Learning**
  - Identifies next steps in learning
  - Small group teaching
  - Provides tailored/personalised approaches to learning
  - Marking and Feedback indicates clear strengths and next steps
- **Daily English and Maths sessions**
- **Weekly intervention sessions** x3 in Reading, Maths and Spelling Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) for identified pupils (this is in addition to core teaching time)
- **Additional small group support** to address individual / group needs within sessions from Mrs Savin (Higher Level Teaching Assistant), Mrs Wallwork (Special Educational Needs Teaching Assistant), Mrs Simpson (Specialist Reading Teacher), Mr Maguire (Head of School, supporting Maths teaching)
- **Practice SATs papers** are administered each half term
  - Question level analysis identifies next steps for individuals/groups of children or the whole class/cohort
  - Pupils review their papers to see where they are making improvements and also to recognise where errors are being made and to learn from these
  - To prepare the children for the alternate approach to teaching and learning that they may not be used to
- **Weekly Home Learning**
  - Links with current context for learning to consolidate or extend learning further
  - 'Next day' Home Learning in either Maths or SPaG – informed by the emerging needs that are identified through regular teaching and learning
  - Spellings are sent home for practice – these may be selected words, or word lists taken from the KS2 Programme of Study. Testing of these will take place in different contexts/styles according to links with weekly timetables. Where SPaG revision, or practice papers have been administered, these sessions will be in lieu of 'Spelling Tests'
- **Local and National Moderation Training**
  - The Y6 teaching team engage in moderation training to ensure that children are assessed in accordance with national expectations and requirements
  - This training is used to inform subsequent/future teaching and learning to ensure that our pupils are given the best possible chance of demonstrating their potential through national systems for assessing pupils at the end of Key Stage Two

- **Additional Teaching and Learning**

- Throughout the year, additional teaching and learning sessions are timetabled outside of the school day to provide pupils with the opportunity to consolidate, extend or revise learning in English (Reading, Writing and SPaG) and Maths (Fluency, Problem Solving, Reasoning and Arithmetic). Additional teaching that takes place outside of the school day will be by invitation only to specific groups of pupils, depending on cohort specific needs.

### **How could you help at home?**

To further support your child in their preparations for the end of Key Stage Two, you could:

- Refer to the content on the school website. Each of the subject pages will provide you with a context for learning and guidance on some of the approaches that are specific to individual subject areas at Gorsey Bank ([www.gorseybank.net](http://www.gorseybank.net)).
- Purchase revision/study guides as recommended at Parents' Evening. These are available at local book stores/online. Whilst there are a range of texts available, some of the following have been popular amongst past pupils:
  - KS2 English: [SPaG](#), [SPaG Questions](#), [Writing](#), [Word Power](#), [Spelling](#), [Punctuation](#), [SATs Practice Workbook](#), [English Revision Guide](#), [Reading Questions](#), [SPaG Questions](#), [Spelling Questions](#).
  - KS2 Maths: [Mental Arithmetic](#), [Problem Solving](#), [Times Tables](#), [Reasoning](#), [Maths Revision](#), [Maths Challenge](#), [Arithmetic SATs Questions](#), [SATs Practice Workbook](#)
- Use online resources, such as MyMaths and Times Tables Rockstars, to revisit taught content and to familiarise with methods of calculation. The school account is:
  - Login – gorsey
  - Password – circle
  - Individual log-in details are stuck in your child's Maths Home Learning Book
- Provide your child with opportunities to write and to ensure that their writing is grammatically correct and contains no spelling errors. Further guidance on this can be found on [gorseybank.net](http://gorseybank.net), Assessment, English Big Ideas
- Revise the KS2 word lists that are taken from the Programme of Study. Pupils need to know how to spell each of the words on the list, as well as the associated rules or patterns and any exceptions there may be within these

There will be an opportunity to attend a SATs information evening during the Spring term, further information about this will be shared nearer the time.

We hope you find this information helpful as we value the strong home school links we have at Gorsey Bank. As ever, if you have any questions, please get in touch with your child's Class Teacher.

**Mr Thompson, Miss Le Feuvre, Miss Hooker and Year 6 Team**

