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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 children,

It is hard to believe we have reached this part of the year already! SATs tests are impending and we would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children the very best of luck and applaud them for all their hard work over the year.

As you know, in the week beginning 8th May, your child will be taking their SATs tests. It is a very important time for them and it is vital that they are well rested and come to school every day. If they are feeling ill in the morning of a test, please still bring them into school and we can talk about what we will do. If you know your child is going to be late, please ring the school so that we can make the necessary arrangements for your child to still sit their test. During the week, we will be providing a nourishing breakfast at school for those children who wish to partake. Breakfast starts at 8.20am in the KS2 hall and there is no charge.

In Numeracy, once SATs are over, children will be taking part in a variety of math related projects; this work will include all areas of maths covered over the year. The main purpose of these projects is to encourage children to work more independently and apply their learning in different situations.

In Literacy, children will be reading a range of texts from The Hunger Games to Shakespeare! They will also be writing a variety of texts focusing on applying a range of punctuation.

Science work this term will be about plant and human growth and reproduction. The children will be recording data and results of increasing complexity using scientific diagrams, labels and classification keys. They will also be reporting and presenting findings from enquiries, including conclusions, causal relationships and explanations of results.



In topic this term, children will be studying Fairtrade. They will learn about environments where cocoa is grown and how Fairtrade operates to ensure the producer receives a guaranteed and fair price for their product regardless of the price on the world market. The trip to Cadbury's World will certainly give the children an insight into this. We will then move onto studying the Vikings.

In games this term, children will be learning the skills needed for Athletics and Volleyball. After half term, they will be taking part in Archery - something they really enjoyed in Year 5.

After the SATs, the children will be working on a project called 'Young Enterprise'. This project will allow children to work in small groups and create a product, which will be sold at the end of the year to fellow students. The children will learn vital business skills including: management, profit, advertising and marketing.

We look forward to the work this term and being able to spend some time with the children without the pressure of tests! Sadly, this will be their last term with us at Downside, so we will be working hard to help them prepare for a smooth transition to high school.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H Bell and Miss D Hooper

Year 6 Leaders