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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Happy New Year!

We are now starting the process of getting the Year 6 students ready for their SATs in May. As you already know, we have commenced homework club Monday-Thursday lunchtimes and after schools. The online form is live for you to use each week. If you have any queries, please email us.

The other new support system we are starting this term are intervention and support groups. These are small groups, working with an adult, practicing SATs style questions to ensure they have the knowledge and technique to tackle these with confidence. If your child has an intervention group, it is not a reflection on their Maths or English ability, it is just their turn to focus on the language and layout of what will be in the test. The children thoroughly enjoy the small groups and we have a reward system in place to reflect their hard work.

Last year, the intervention groups were very successful in raising their ability and their confidence to cope with the demanding testing process. Our focus is to support all the Year 6 students to approach the SATs with confidence and positivity, but unlike some schools we will not be restricting or removing the rest of the curriculum because we want our students to be happy and enjoying the broad education that is the foundation of all we do here. Last year we did this very successfully, and your support, as always, is essential.

Please do not worry if your child does not have an intervention group this half term as we will continue these until May.

Finally some dates to put in your diary **Year 6 SATs evening** for parents is on Monday 5th February In this meeting we will go into the SATs process and how we support your child through it in more detail. Finally **Easter School** will be held from Monday 9th April until Thursday 12th April from 10am until 2pm. Further information about both these events will be sent out to you closer to the date.

Kind regards

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