

27th January 2023

SATs Information for Year 6 Parents

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter supports the SATs information and Boggle Hole meeting we held on Monday 16th January.

At the end of **Year 6**, children sit tests in the following subjects: reading, maths and spelling, punctuation and grammar. These tests are both set and marked externally, and the results are used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). The following information will give you an overview of how each test is structured.

Reading

The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. **Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.** There will be a selection of question types, including:

- **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- **Labelling**, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- **Find and copy**, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- **Short constructed response**, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- **Open-ended response**, e.g. 'Look at the sentence that begins *Once upon a time*. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.'

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

The grammar, punctuation and spelling test consists of two parts: a **grammar and punctuation paper** requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an **aural spelling test of 20 words**, lasting around 15 minutes.

The grammar and punctuation test will include two sub-types of questions:

- **Selected response**, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives in the sentence below'
- **Constructed response**, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

Maths

Paper 1: **Arithmetic**, 30 minutes

Papers 2 and 3: **Reasoning**, 40 minutes per paper

Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of question types, including:

- Multiple choice
- True or false
- Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or completing a table or chart
- Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem

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Tuesday 9th May 2023	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10th May 2023	English: Reading
Thursday 11th May 2023	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Friday 12th May 2023	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

You will receive your child's results as a scaled score which indicates whether they have reached the expected standard set by the Department for Education. The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is:

80 (the lowest scaled score that can be awarded)

120 (the highest scaled score)

The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more. If a child is awarded a scaled score of 99 or less, they won't have achieved the expected standard in the test.

Keeping SATs in perspective:

Please reassure your child that you will be proud of them however they do. Their SATs results are only a small part of their time at school, and an even smaller part of their whole life, so as long as they tried their hardest, you're happy. Explain to your child that SATs only focus on specific subjects. If they have a passion for a subject or two that isn't tested, then the results don't showcase their overall ability. Ensure your child is eating well, sleeping properly and keeping active during the SATs period. Establish a routine of going to bed at a reasonable time, making sure they are eating a balanced diet and building in time for them to have some fun too! We are immensely proud of their on-going achievements in all areas of the curriculum.

If you have any questions regarding SATs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Boggle Hole

22nd - 25th May 2023

Boggle Hole Youth Hostel is situated on the beach near Whitby and Robin Hood's Bay. Features include:

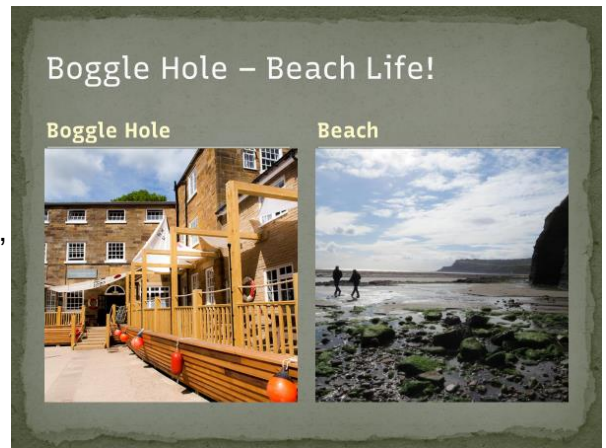
- Situated right on the beach in a secluded cove
- Large sandy beach
- Rock-pools rich with marine life
- Wonderful woodland
- Everything can be reached on foot!

Sample Breakfast Menu:

- Buffet breakfast - hot foods including sausage, bacon and eggs
- Toast with preserves
- Croissants
- Selection of cheese/cold meats
- Yoghurt
- Cereal
- Fruit
- Fruit juice
- Coffee and tea
- Fresh fruit and yoghurt

Lunch Menu:

- Fresh sandwiches
- Fresh fruit
- A packet of crisps
- A bottle of water
- A small cake or biscuit



Example Itinerary

DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Monday 22 nd May	Dunnington to Eden Camp	Eden Camp	Fire Pit and Stories
Tuesday 23 rd May	Smuggler's Tales - Robin Hood's Bay	Seashore Safari - Rock Pool Exploring	Craft Evening
Wednesday 24 th May	Woodland Explorers	Walking with dinosaurs - Fossil Hunting	Pirate Party/Disco
Thursday 25 th May	Pack/tidy and a morning activity – Shipwrecks and Storms	Lunch and arrive back at school for 2.45pm	Plenty of sleep!

The children will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink on the first day for their visit to Eden Camp.

Sample Dinner Menu:

Main course

- Lasagne
- Spinach & ricotta cannelloni
- Jacket potato & filling

Accompaniments

- Salad bar, vegetables and carbohydrate selection

Dessert

- Treacle sponge and custard
- Fresh fruit salad

Money and Belongings

Please limit spending money to £15-£20, as there is very little opportunity to spend during the week: there will be shops in Robin Hood's Bay and Eden Camp. Please place your child's money in a **named wallet** or **purse**.

We discourage children from making phone calls home as this can bring on feelings of homesickness which we wish to avoid. Children are not allowed to bring mobile phones, or electronic devices that can access the internet on the trip. In addition, we would prefer it if the children **did not** bring a camera as they would only be allowed to use them during daytime activities where they would be susceptible to water damage or loss. We will be taking lots of photographs on the iPads which the children will be able to access when they get back to school.

Payment

The activities and walks, apart from the trip to Eden Camp, will be provided by qualified leaders from the Youth Hostel Association, who are experts in the area.

The cost for 3 nights full board at the youth hostel, coach travel, and learning opportunities will be **£285**. Thank you to everyone who has confirmed that their child will be attending the residential and has paid the £50 deposit.

The walk to Boggle Hole from the coach...



Pirate Party

The children can bring a fancy dress for the Pirate Party - bags of fun but not compulsory! There will be lots of pirate games and music!

Boggle Hole Kit List

Clothing List

The trip is based outdoors so the children must be comfortable in what they are wearing, particularly footwear. The youth hostel staff suggest wellies for the rock pool activities.

- T-shirts/shirts/tops
- Trousers/jeans/tracksuit bottoms
- Walking boots, shoes or trainers – strong and comfortable (2 pairs)

- Wellies
- Socks (include extra pairs and some that are thick, long and warm)
- Plimsolls or slippers for indoor wear
- Sweater/Fleece/Hooded Top/other warm tops
- Underwear
- Woolly hat or sun hat (if the weather is hot, the children must wear a hat when working outdoors)
- Gloves
- Nightwear
- Preferable but not essential: waterproof trousers
- In the past, children have enjoyed bringing smarter wear for the evening meals.

Additional items needed

- **Waterproof jacket**
- Plastic bag for dirty washing
- Toiletries, including **sun protection cream and insect repellent**
- Towel
- **A lightweight rucksack or shoulder bag** – to take on walks, big enough to contain packed lunch and equipment
- A stamped addressed postcard
- **A packed lunch and drink for the first day**
- **Plastic water bottle for an extra drink each day**
- A small travel game to play on the games evening, e.g. cards, dobble, Rubik's Race, scrabble or chess
- Pirate Outfit (optional)

We hope that this information is helpful – additional letters will follow in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Dickenson and Mrs Lockwood