



Dear Parents,

As you are aware, the children will be taking their KS1 tests next week. They will have a test every morning, therefore I am planning to have some extended PE and art sessions in the afternoons. The children are prepared and we have discussed the need for them to try their best, but not to worry if they find anything a challenge. I have emphasised that these tests are not a reason to be concerned at all, as all the fantastic things they achieve on a daily basis are the most important part of their school life.

In maths this week, the children have covered areas of the curriculum that they needed further support with. We looked at finding quarters of amounts and estimating numbers on a number line. The children then moved onto problem solving and recognising the different mathematical vocabulary they may come across in the future. These were phrases such as: "look at this calculation, find the sum of" and, "find the difference."

In English this week, Steve Backshall set us the challenge of visiting an unknown island and finding a new insect that has never been discovered before. We visited the islands on Thursday morning and the children were great at using their imaginations and supporting their team across the 'shark infested water!' This concluded in them writing a diary entry of their adventure using fantastic description.

Thank you for supporting your child with preparation for the tests, all the help they receive can only make this statutory process easier. There will be no spellings for them to learn this week and no times tables test next week either. I think they need a rest!

12th May 2017

Kind regards,

Mrs Wardle and Mrs Patterson