



## **Year 6 SATs Preparation at Otterburn Primary School**

### **Tailored Support Through Small Class Sizes**

One of our key strengths is our small class sizes. This allows the Class Teacher to work closely with individual pupils or in very small groups, ensuring that learning is matched to each child's needs. Our small Year 6 cohort enables consistent, meaningful teacher-pupil contact throughout the year—an ideal foundation for effective SATs preparation.

### **Integrated SATs Practice**

SATs preparation is fully embedded in our daily curriculum. Children regularly practise key skills in:

- Reading comprehension
- Grammar, punctuation, and spelling
- Mathematics, including fluency, reasoning, and problem-solving

We use a range of resources such as past papers, targeted exercises, and regular assessments to help children build confidence and accuracy. Year 6 pupils also:

- Complete arithmetic tests approximately every four weeks. These are reviewed alongside the teacher to identify and learn from mistakes.
- Mark their own practice papers with teacher support, helping them understand where they went wrong and how to improve.
- Participate in White Rose Flashback Four activities daily, which revisit and reinforce previously taught maths units.
- For those who have mastered all their times tables, weekly times tables tests are replaced with mixed arithmetic tests featuring four SATs-style questions.
- Pupils identified as needing additional reading fluency practice take part in Fred's Fluency sessions, a structured and supportive reading intervention.

### **Weekly Homework**

Children receive weekly homework tailored to their individual needs and the demands of the SATs. This reinforces learning in class, provides extra practice, and helps build independent learning skills.

### **Plan-Do-Review: Tracking Progress**

We follow a rigorous plan-do-review cycle to monitor each child's progress:

- Regular assessments help identify areas that need support
- Interventions are targeted, monitored, and adjusted as needed
- Parents are kept informed through regular updates and progress meetings

### **Strong Partnership with Parents**

We believe that collaboration between school and home is key to SATs success. We:

- Provide regular updates about your child's learning
- Share useful resources and strategies for home support
- Hold parent meetings in the Autumn and Spring terms ahead of SATs

### **Supporting Wellbeing**

We understand that SATs can be a source of pressure for some pupils. To support wellbeing, we:

- Include mindfulness activities to promote calm and focus
- Use positive reinforcement to build confidence
- Offer emotional support through our trained ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) for pupils experiencing anxiety or emotional challenges

### **Our Commitment**

At Otterburn Primary, we offer a warm, supportive environment where every child is encouraged to reach their full potential. Our thoughtful, well-rounded SATs preparation helps pupils approach their assessments with confidence and capability.