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Maths SATs Practice

You can help your child prepare for the Maths SATs by going through questions from practice papers and discussing the following:

- ✓ The questions will become more difficult as the paper goes on, so encourage your child to double check the early ones before attempting the tricky ones at the end.
- ✓ Children always need to show how they got an answer; they might get a mark, even if they get a wrong answer. In the Reasoning Papers, encourage your child to use a written method especially when the question states 'show your working out'.
- ✓ If the question has a diagram, it is important to encourage your child to annotate to support their understanding of the questions. For example annotating on scales to graphs etc.
- ✓ If your child cannot tell the time, make sure that you practise this with them daily. This is a vital life skill as well as being important for keeping track of the time remaining in the tests.
- ✓ Make sure your child knows all of their times tables and division facts for rapid recall. Extend this to multiples of 100 and 1000!

  If you know that 6 x 7 = 42
  then you also know that 6 x 70 = 420 and
  60 x 70 = 4200
- ✓ Test the weak spots: this goes for every subject! The only way to conquer your difficulties is to face them head on. If there is something that your child is not good at, work on it together. If unsure, the teachers will share this information with you at parents' evenings.
- ✓ The Year 6 teaching staff will also be very happy to provide further support in the form of small group interventions or further supportive activities and tasks.