KS1 SATs Reward Cheques

Use the following fun reward system as a way to help to keep your child motivated whilst they practice and consolidate their learning in preparation for KS1 SATs

The reward cheques should be given as and when your child has been working hard and trying their best. They are a fun and exciting way to keep your child motivated and relaxed!

The following information will help you in supporting your child to develop the right mindset towards the SATs assessments and give you advice on how to use the reward cheques.

Creating the Right 'Growth Mindset'!

It is important to help children develop a 'growth mindset'. A growth mindset is one in which your child believes that through dedication and perseverance they can achieve their goals. This helps to create a love of learning and the resilience needed to succeed.

To develop a growth mindset, you need to reward and celebrate your child's effort and perseverance rather than only celebrating achievements. By rewarding effort (even if they don't master what they are revising), you will be helping your child to develop the right mindset, which will give your child the motivation they need to keep going within their revision and assessment tests.

When praising your child, try to use the following terminology, to help develop a growth mindset:

'Well done, you tried really hard to achieve that.'

'I was very impressed! Even though you found it tricky, you didn't give up.'

'You may not have mastered it yet, but I'm thrilled with the effort you put in and I know you will master it soon.'

How to Use the Reward Cheques

When your child has worked hard at home (or at school), a reward cheque can be given as a reward that can then be redeemed at a suitable time by your child. This is especially important if they have tried their best to learn or practise something that they have found difficult (such as a concept in maths or a specific spelling pattern).

Discuss with your child the rewards that they would like to receive for all their hard work and effort when they redeem their cheques. This should be agreed beforehand and written on the cheque itself, which can then be signed by yourself and your child.

Reward ideas could include:

- a new magazine or book;
- a trip to the park;
- an invitation to play football (or other sport) with a parent;
- a family bike ride;

- a treat at a local café;
- a length of computer or tablet time;
- a trip to a favourite place;
- a family film night;
- or any other treat that your child would enjoy!

Use these cheques as an aid to encourage your child to work hard and develop the growth mindset that they need to be a successful learner.





Wonderful Determination! Date: You have been trying your best! Present this voucher to your parent / carer to redeem your reward of: Signatures Parent/Carer: _____ Child: ____ Great Effort! Date: You have put in lots of effort! Present this voucher to your parent / carer to redeem your reward of: Signatures Parent/Carer: _____ Child: _____ Fantastic Perseverance! Date: _____ For not giving up on a tricky task! Present this voucher to your parent / carer to redeem your reward of: Signatures Parent/Carer: _____ Child: ____