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## **Year 2 Key Stage One Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

During Term 5, pupils in Year 2 will be completing the end of Key Stage One tests. The tests will commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and continue until the end of term. It is vital that all pupils are in school every day to ensure they complete these assessments to the best of their abilities. This letter aims to explain this process and answer and questions you may have, in addition to providing you with ideas to support your child at home.



#### Who takes the test?

All children in Year 2. If for any reason, we feel that there is a valid reason why your child should not take any of the given tests, the class teacher will discuss this with you. Please note, this is only done in exceptional circumstances and your child would not be eligible to take the tests at a later date.

## What will my child be tested on?

Pupils will sit 6 short assessments: Reading Paper 1, Reading Paper 2, Maths Reasoning, Maths Arithmetic and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. The tests will be completed in small groups with Mrs Anderson.

## Does my child know they shall be doing these tests?

The children are aware that they will be completing special quizzes during next term, but we have been careful not to make them anxious about their SATs tests. If your child has any concerns, please get in touch with Mrs Anderson.

#### Do these SATs inform their end of KS1 outcomes?

The results your child achieves in these tests will support the teacher assessment, which is also used to inform final outcomes at the end of Year 2.

### How will I find out my child's results?

Parents/carers will receive KS1 assessment results in end of year reports in July. If there is any need for your child's class teacher to discuss any outcomes with you before this report is released, they shall do so.

## How can I support my child between now and the assessments?

**Reading-** As always, continue to support your child with daily reading to an adult at home. This is absolutely vital as there are several passages of text that your child is required to independently read as part of the reading assessment. If your child cannot read fluently, they will find this challenging and be unable to access the comprehension questions. Talk to your child about what they have read to ensure they have understood.

Practise reading your phonics (cat) bookmarks- not just the most recent but all of the bookmarks given to your child since the start of the academic year. Practising the spelling and writing of these words would also be highly beneficial.

**Maths-** Continue to practise those core skills such as methods for addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers, always encouraging children to show their working out. This may be practising column addition and subtraction.

## How can I support my child during the assessments?

In order to ensure that your child is ready for their assessments, we recommend the following:

- get lots of sleep
- eat a healthy breakfast to set them up for the day
- read with an adult every day
- complete any extra home learning that may be provided
- attend school on time every day

## Can I access an example of the SATs papers?

Yes, you can access past SATs papers online should you wish to better understand the expectation, here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#key-stage-1-past-papers">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#key-stage-1-past-papers</a>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. I thank you in anticipation for supporting your child.

Kind regards,

Mrs Verity Anderson KS1 Class Teacher & English Subject Lead