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## Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

Dear Parents,

In recent weeks, we have been steadily preparing the children for the forthcoming End of Key Stage 1 tests (SATs). It is unlikely that your child will have noticed. These are national statutory tests taken at the end of Year 2. The purpose of this letter is to explain the process of these tests and to explain their format.

The aim is for pupils to be unaware they are taking the tests as we will incorporate them into our everyday classroom practice. Please do not directly discuss these tests with your child as we want to keep them as 'low key' as possible. You will receive your child's results by the end of the summer term.

In KS1, the emphasis is on teacher assessment. The tests will support our teacher assessment judgement. Teacher assessment is used to report your child's attainment and progress. We will use the key stage 1 test results to help us to reach an overall judgement of the standards your child has reached in English reading, English writing and mathematics, in relation to the government expectations. You will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for science, but there is no science test.

The Year 2 SATs will take place during May. Unlike the KS2 tests, we do not have to take the tests on designated days – they just have to be carried out in the month of May. None of the tests have a set time limit and children can take as long as they need within reason. If your child is away for one of the tests, we will make arrangements for them to take the test on their return.

Below is a table of the test papers that the children will be carrying out:

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| <b>English Reading Test</b>                                     |  |
| Paper One: (approx. 30 minutes) Paper Two: (approx. 30 minutes) | 2 papers<br>Short text and questions; longer text with separate questions. |

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| <p><b>English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test</b></p> <p>Paper One: Spelling Test (approx. 15 minutes)<br/> Paper Two: Questions (approx. 20 minutes)</p> | <p>2 papers<br/> Spelling; punctuation and grammar.</p>  |
| <p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p>Paper One: Arithmetic Test (approx. 20 minutes)<br/> Paper Two: Reasoning Test (approx. 35 minutes)</p>                             | <p>2 papers<br/> Arithmetic; mathematical reasoning.</p> |

There is no test for writing so this will be assessed throughout the year.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to one of the Year 2 team.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Hannah Beckett  
Headteacher