

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you about the up and coming SATs in Year 2. Please see below for important information about these statutory assessments and how they will be undertaken.

I also wanted to update you on staffing in Year 2. Miss Gordon is, unfortunately, off ill long term. Ms Degale, a very experienced teacher, has been appointed as 2.1 class teacher to ensure the children across Year 2 continue to receive an excellent education.

## **Key Stage 1 SATS**

### **Overview**

Towards the end of Key Stage 1, Year 2 children take Key Stage 1 SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). These SATS tests will take place between now and half term. They will consist of two reading comprehension activities for English and in Maths arithmetic and problem-solving tasks. The tests are designed to support and confirm the on-going teacher assessment which happens throughout the year to track your child's progress and achievement. SATs are undertaken in small groups across the week, with staff familiar to the children.

## **What is tested and how can you help?**

### **English**

#### **Reading Comprehension**

The children will have a booklet containing a story and an information piece of writing. The children will then have questions to answer about the text that they have just read. The questions can either be tick box questions, one-word answers or questions that require a longer sentence to answer the question. You can help your child at home by reading with them regularly and asking them questions about what they have read.

### **Maths**

The maths test will ask questions covering all aspects of the Year 2 curriculum. These include number, shape, measuring, simple fractions, data handling and problem solving. Your child will not be able to use any equipment to help them in the arithmetic test. The children can ask the teacher to read the question to them.

The SATs maths test will consist of 2 question booklets. The arithmetic paper assesses children's fluency in the core skills of maths, including place value, calculations and fractions. The problem-solving paper assesses the children's ability to solve problems and reason mathematically.

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## **Summary**

- Don't worry about the SATs tests! The children are used to doing these types of questions and activities in this formalised manner so it won't be a shock to them when they are completing them.
- Continue to help your child with all homework that gets sent home.
- Continue to read with your child regularly and ask them questions about the book they are reading.
  
- Continue to make sure your child is ready to learn and not tired.
- Ensure your child arrives on time each morning.
- Continue you ask your child about what they are doing in school.
- In school we make it clear that the test is nothing to worry about and that we just want to see how fantastic they are doing!

## **Useful Websites**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/>

<http://resources.woodlandsjunior.kent.sch.uk/games/educational/literacy.html>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-andsounds>

If you require any more help or information, please arrange a time for a meeting with me or your child's class teacher at the end of the day or get in touch via the School Office.

Yours sincerely

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