

Dear Parents/Carers

1st March 2018

You may be aware that all children in Year 2 are required to take part in Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs). SATs will take place in school during May. These assessments will be kept very low key, are part of normal classroom activities and we always avoid the word 'test'. We ask for your support with this at home; when the children take part in these they are simply asked to 'do a very special job for Mrs Bayes'.

The children will complete two reading papers looking at their skills of comprehension and two maths papers – one focused on their mental arithmetic and the other on their problem solving and reasoning skills.

In Key stage 1 the SATS materials are used to confirm our teacher assessment only. Teacher assessment is based upon performance as a whole over a period of time. It is not just about the formal assessments that are made over a couple of weeks or how a child performs on one particular day. We will make teacher assessments in literacy (reading and writing, including spelling punctuation and grammar), numeracy and science. The children are given the opportunity to become familiar with the style of these assessment materials and procedures (they may talk about a special job towards the end of this half term). This has been on-going over the year and most of the tasks are just like activities they experience each week in normal lessons. At times the teaching day and the children may be organised differently to accommodate how assessments are carried out. As a school we ensure that this is done in a calm and positive way to ensure that all children feel comfortable. All teachers endeavour to make this a stress free time and we ask that you support us with this.

Within the end of year school reports, using teacher assessment, the children will be given a statement of 'Working towards the expected level', Working at the expected level' or 'Working at Greater Depth'.

Parents evening will provide us with the opportunity to share how your child is settled in school, their friendships and their academic achievement and progress. We have attached an information leaflet that will hopefully answer any of your questions however please feel free to talk to either teacher at a mutually convenient time or contact school and we will endeavour to answer these for you.

We are also seeking interest in a SATs meeting. If you feel a meeting regarding the SATs would be useful please return the slip below. Please note it will depend on the expression of interest if a meeting is scheduled.

Kind regards.

The Year 2 Team

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I would be interested in attending a SATs meeting.

The best time would be 9-10am _____ or 5-6pm _____ (Please tick to indicate which one)

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____