

8th May 2019

Year 2 National Curriculum Tests

Dear Parents and carers,

Over the next few weeks, the children in Year 2 will be sitting national curriculum tests in English and maths, commonly called SATs. The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards. Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them assess how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1. These teacher assessments will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.

The children have already been given the opportunity to become familiar with assessment materials and procedures. This has been ongoing over the course of the year. Many of the tasks are just like the activities children experience each week, and the words 'test' and 'SATs' are avoided.

At times, the teaching day may be organised differently to accommodate how the assessments are carried out. As a school, we try to ensure this is done in a calm and positive manner and that all children feel comfortable.

All teachers will endeavour to make this a stress free time and we ask that you support us with this.

How to help my child at home

- Support and reassure your child that they should always try their best when in school.
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school, particularly during the week beginning 20th May.
- Support your child with any homework tasks, including spellings and times tables practise.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what book(s) they are reading (the characters, the plot, their opinion, etc).
- Make sure your child has a good sleep and healthy breakfast every morning!

If you have any further questions, please see your class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lynch
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