

## End of Key Stage One Assessments and tests

Dear parents and families,

As your child is in Y2 they will be taking the national curriculum tests (SATs), later this month, in May 2016. These are statutory tests provided by the government.

The government state that:

- The tests will provide information about how your child is progressing, compared to children of the same age nationally.
- They are not qualifications and don't affect your child's future options in school.
- The results are used to ensure that schools are teaching their pupils the essential knowledge and skills in the subjects that are the early building blocks for further learning. This is to ensure every child reaches their full potential.

There are changes to the tests this year. This is because the tests are based on the new national curriculum, which your child has been taught since September 2014.

Subject	Test
English Reading	Paper 1 - Short text and questions Paper 2 - Longer text with separate questions
Mathematics	Paper 1 - Arithmetic Paper 2 - Mathematical reasoning
English grammar, punctuation and spelling	<i>The government has withdrawn this test in 2016 so children will not be required to sit it.</i>

There is no test for English writing. The judgements about writing are based on teacher assessments made from a range of your child's work.

Your child will take these tests during the fortnight beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May. They are not strictly timed tests. Most children will be unaware they are taking them as teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom practice. Mrs Marriott, Mrs Haywood and Miss Wilson, will administer the test in small groups each morning in Green Base. Children not involved in testing will be taught topic based lessons in Yellow base with Miss Rhead and Miss Brown (art, technology, geography, history, science). We hope to have some fun in Yellow base!

Teachers may allow children to have a break or stop a test early if they feel it's not appropriate for a particular child.

Children will be given help to read the questions during the Maths tests and some equipment children normally use in lessons will be available. In the reading test the children will have to work entirely independently.

Teacher assessment, based on a broad range of your child's work, is used to report children's attainment and progress to parents. Teachers will use the Key Stage 1 test results to help them to reach an overall judgement of the standards children have reached in English reading, English writing and mathematics. You will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for science, but there is no science test.

You will receive your child's assessment outcomes by the end of the summer term. You will not receive the test scores.

You do not need to prepare your children for the tests. The teachers and children have worked hard to ensure your child is prepared.

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any queries about the tests, or you can visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2016-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents> for more details.

If you want to see a sample of the tests your child will take, the government have published some at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-2016-sample-materials>

Yours Sincerely,



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