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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Key Stage 2 Tests (SATS) 2022

As you may know, in May 2022, Year 6 children will be taking their National Curriculum Assessments (also known as SATs). These assessments will be for Maths and English. In Maths, there are 3 papers. Paper 1 is an arithmetic paper, whereas, Papers 2 and 3 are reasoning papers where the pupils will need to solve problems. In English, there is an English reading test and an English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

The assessments are sent off for external marking, whereas the writing is judged on the work they have produced throughout the year, by the teaching staff. SATs week begins on Monday 9th May 2022 this year and there will be assessments on each day of that week excluding Friday. The timetable is as follows:

Monday 9 th May	English: Grammar and Punctuation English: Spelling
Tuesday 10 th May	English: Reading
Wednesday 11 th May	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 12 th May	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

It is a time when the children can really show their learning and celebrate their successes in the core areas of Maths and English. They have worked well in their intervention sessions with Mrs Stukins on paper layout, additional content and with their resilience. Once the results have been returned to school, we will inform your child and you of the results. Since 2016, test scores have been reported as ‘scaled scores’.

What is meant by ‘scaled scores’?

- 100 will always represent the ‘national standard’.
- Each pupil’s raw test score will therefore be converted into a score on the scale, either at, above or below 100.
- The scale will have a lower end point somewhere below 100 and an upper end point above 100.

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- A child who achieves the 'national standard' (a score of 100) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests; a child awarded a scaled score of more than 100 is judged to have exceeded the national standard and demonstrated a higher than expected knowledge of the curriculum for their age; a child awarded a scaled score of less than 100 is judged to have not yet met the national standard and performed below the expectation for their age.

Each pupil receives:

- A raw score (number of raw marks awarded)
- A scaled score in each tested subject
- Confirmation of whether or not they attained the national standard.

What can you do to help your child prepare?

You can help you child by encouraging them to revise regularly; little and often is more successful than hours at a time now and again. Help your child to have the best possible attendance they can at school. Explain that SATs are a way of showing what they know and that they just need to try their very best. They should not be worried or stressed about them. Eating breakfast (this will also be provided each morning in their tutor groups, so that we have a nice relaxed start to the day) and lots of sleep will help them to be focused during the day.

If you have any further questions about the assessments then please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

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