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Dear Families,

During May, Year 2 will have their Key Stage One statutory assessments (SATS). These are test-like exercises designed to inform teachers for end of year assessments. We refer to the tests as ‘special booklets’ with the children so that there is no pressure; keeping a relaxed and “normal” feeling to the process. The children have already had some experience of the booklets so they already know what to expect. The children will complete the booklets in small groups with their class teacher in their usual classroom environment. So that normal lessons can continue, one small group will sit a paper each day, taking around 30-45 minutes. During that time, the remainder of the children will be completing usual learning activities in the hall with teaching assistants.

There are four booklets; two reading and two maths. Adults can help children read the questions for the maths booklets but not with the reading booklets. There is guidance on how long the booklets should take but teachers can use their own judgement to allow longer and also to give rest breaks as needed.

The booklets are marked internally at school and used alongside our other assessment information to inform an end of year assessment level which will be made available to you through end of year reports in July.

If you would like to view examples of past SATS papers, they are published on the website below. However, there is no expectation to practise these at home.

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

If you have any questions regarding the process, please do not hesitate to speak with myself, Mrs law, Mrs Cheshire or your child’s class teacher.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss E Davey

Key Stage One Leader and Year 2 Teacher.

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