

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents

### Key Stage 1 SATS

At the end of Key Stage 1, we will judge the standard that your child is working at in English, Maths and Science. To help make these judgements, your child will sit national curriculum tests in Maths and English, known as standard attainment tests (SATs). These tests, along with your child's work throughout the year, help us to assess your child's performance and, as they move up to Key Stage 2, identify their needs. SATs are taken during May. There is no need for you to focus on test-related activities at home to prepare your child for the SATs.

The **Reading Test** consists of two separate papers:

- **Paper 1** – consists of a combined reading prompt and answer booklet. The paper includes a list of useful words and some practice questions for teachers to use to introduce the contexts and question types to pupils. The test takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed.
- **Paper 2** – consists of an answer booklet and a separate reading booklet. There are no practice questions on this paper. Teachers can use their discretion to stop the test early if a pupil is struggling. The test takes approximately 40 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed.
- The texts will cover a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction.

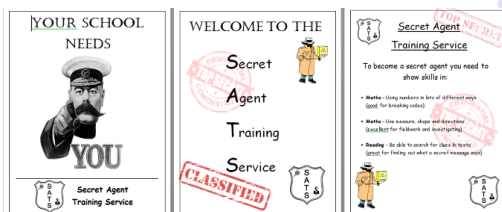
Children will sit two **Maths tests**: Paper 1 and Paper 2:

- **Paper 1: Arithmetic** - lasts approximately 20 minutes (but this is not strictly timed). It covers calculation methods for all operations.
- **Paper 2: Reasoning** - lasts for approximately 35 minutes, which includes time for five aural questions. Pupils will still require calculation skills and questions will be varied including multiple choice, matching, true/false, completing a chart or table or drawing a shape. Some questions will also require children to show or explain their working out.

This link explains clearly the different tests and shows you examples of the test papers:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVlrdqh\\_J6Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVlrdqh_J6Y)

The Reading and Maths SATs assessments **are just one part** of evidence that informs our judgement. Throughout the year we are continually assessing the children. In Maths, we look for evidence in their Maths books which shows that they can independently achieve a specific objective. We also have different questions that are based on the maths objectives which we get the children to complete. Reading, we look for evidence in their home reading record, we use their benchmarking evidence, comprehensions, guided reading, one to one reading.



To make it fun we tell the children they are going to be Secret Agents and they need to show some skills in Maths and English. The children all get a badge and a certificate.

Writing is assessed throughout the year as they complete independent writing activities. By the beginning of June, we need around 6 pieces of independent writing from the children which we then assess against the Year 2 writing objectives.

Please come and talk to me if you have any queries or questions.

Regards  
Mrs Brech