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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 6 and the start of a new academic year.

As you will be aware, Key Stage 2 SATs assessments have not taken place for the last two academic years. This year, the tests are timetabled to take place from **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**.

### When are the KS2 SATs 2022 and what do you need to know?

The dates for the KS2 SATs normally run over a one-week period. Over this period, pupils will sit six different tests, with English taking place at the beginning of the week and Mathematics at the end:

- **Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2022:** Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (Grammar/Punctuation Test) – 45 minutes
- **Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2022:** Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (Spelling Test) – 20 minutes
- **Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2022:** Reading Comprehension Test – 60 minutes
- **Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2022:** Mathematics Paper 1 (Arithmetic) – 30 minutes
- **Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2022:** Mathematics Paper 2 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes
- **Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2022:** Mathematics Paper 3 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes
- In addition, throughout the course of the year, there is a teacher-assessed element to establish a Writing judgement: *Working Towards* the expected standard; *Expected Standard*; or *Greater Depth* within the expected standard.

It is important that your child makes every effort to maintain high attendance throughout the year and to attend school during SATs week.

### What will children be tested on in their 2022 SATs?

#### **The KS2 SPaG SATs:**

There is a written element, which consists of an English Grammar and Punctuation paper, which will last for 45 minutes.

There is also a 20-word aural Spelling test which should last around 15 minutes.

#### **The KS2 Reading SATs:**

This is one paper, with questions that are based on three different passages of text. Pupils will have one hour to complete the paper.



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## **The KS2 Mathematics SATs:**

There will be three Mathematics papers.

Paper 1 is an Arithmetic paper, which will last for 30 minutes.

Papers 2 and 3 are Reasoning papers, which will last for 40 minutes each.

## **Specific arrangements for SATs**

Children with additional needs, who have similar provision in their day-to-day learning at school, may be allotted specific arrangements to support them during the tests.

## **How are results reported?**

Once marked, the tests will be given the following scores:

- A raw score (the total number of marks achieved for each paper);
- A scaled score (which is explained below);
- A judgement of whether the National Standard has been met.

After marking each test, the external markers will convert each raw score into a scaled score to show whether each child is working below, at or above the national standard.

When the scaled score is given, it is given in a range from 80 to 120. A scaled score of 100 or more is meeting the national standard.

There are no separate tests for higher achieving pupils; however, a scaled score close to 120 would show that a child is working above the national standard.

## **Resources**

Please find attached some resources that you may find useful in supporting your child.

As we are still unable to hold our usual SATs parents' meeting in school, we realise that there may be additional questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher should you wish to discuss SATs in further detail. Alternatively, we would be more than happy to discuss SATs at Parents' Evening (**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021**).

Many thanks for your support,

Year 6 Teachers