



## KS2 SATs tests

Dear Parents

As you know, SATs tests are just around the corner, so we thought we would provide some final information and reassurance about the coming weeks.

The children have had several opportunities to practise these types of tests over the year and they are very familiar with the layout, content and expectations. We will continue to carry out reinforcement and revision between now and the time of the tests, as part of normal classroom arrangements. The children should feel ready and relaxed about these, and we can assure you that we will do everything during SATs week to ensure the classroom is a calm and prepared space where they can show us their best.

The children also know that SATs tests are only one of the ways their attainment and progress is measured; they will be just a part of the assessment process for the end of their Primary School learning journey. However, they do also know that we want the tests to reflect their true ability, so it is important for them to feel confident, to try their very best and aim to show off all they have learnt and all they can do. **SATs tests will take place in the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. The timetable is as follows:**

**Monday 9 May 2022** English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions and Paper 2: spelling

**Tuesday 10 May 2022** English reading

**Wednesday 11 May 2022** Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic and Paper 2: reasoning

**Thursday 12 May 2022** Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

*There are no tests on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (A piece of good luck on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>?! Yes!!)*

### **So what are SATs?**

At the end of Y6, children in England sit national tests in Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG). These tests are set and marked externally and the results are used to measure a school's performance. They are a measure of the curriculum throughout Key Stage Two and as such, are not just about what we have been delivering in Year 6.

### **Reading test**

The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text and lasts one hour. The texts might be part of an information text, story or poem.

### **Grammar, spelling and punctuation**

The SPAG test consists of two parts: a grammar and punctuation paper lasting 45 minutes, and a spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.

## **KS2 maths**

Children sit three papers in maths: Arithmetic in Paper 1 and Papers 2 and 3 including reasoning and problem-solving.

### **How are they marked?**

Children are awarded a 'scaled score' and given a code as to whether they have reached the expected standard (EXS), whether they are still working towards this standard (WTS) or whether they have reached the standard at a greater depth (GDS).

### **A final word**

We hope you have found the above information useful. We would like to reassure you once again that these tests are not the be all and end all. Of course, we want the children to feel as confident as possible, to put in their best efforts and to shine, letting everyone know how far they have come in their Primary School journey and how ready they are for their Secondary School adventure. Please do come and see Mr Baines if you have any further questions, continue to support your child with any revision and most importantly help us to ensure they know they are brilliant, they can do it and to just go for it!

Thank you for your continued support

Mr Baines