



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

28th April 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

KS1 SATs

Please find below some information about the End of Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessments.

As many of you will be aware, at the end of Key Stage 1, Year 2, all children across the UK take their Statutory Assessment Tests, also known as SATs. This year, these tests will be administered in the final weeks of Term 5 (weeks commencing Monday 16th and 23rd May). The results from these tests are used in order to support teacher assessments judgements and evidence that has been collected throughout the year in both Maths and Reading. Writing assessments are completed differently (see below for details).

So what does this mean for my child?

Throughout the year we have been exposing the children to the SATs booklets and assessment style. This is nothing new to them whatsoever and in fact, something that many of the children seem to enjoy! During the week of testing the children will remain in their classroom with their class teacher and familiar adults. The tables will be separated and a maximum of two children will be at each table. Again, this is something that the children are very used to as we have adopted this style during all assessment periods this year. Each morning the children will complete one test, either a Maths or a Reading test. The rest of the day will continue as normal e.g. foundation subjects.

How will their performance in test week affect individual outcomes?

In Key Stage 1, the end of year outcome is based on teacher assessment. The SATs papers simply support the teacher assessment judgement and therefore, if for some reason your child had a wobble, the class teacher will simply use the evidence that they have been collecting all year in Maths and Reading books to justify their attainment. At Parent Consultation Meetings your child's current attainment will have already been shared with you, however, if for any reason you have any concerns then please don't hesitate to ask.



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Why isn't there a Writing test?

As Writing is a build up of skills that are applied in various contexts, it is impossible to ascertain a child's writing ability through just one piece of written work. Therefore, your child's class teacher regularly looks through your child's writing and evidences what they see against set criteria. We also attend regular moderation, both internally and externally, in order to ensure that our judgements are secure and in line with other schools. We take with us a range of writing from across a range of subjects e.g. a character description from English, instructions from a scientific experiment or even some comparative writing within RE.

When will I know how well my child has done?

As stated previously, the SATs are only part of the evidence that is used to provide your child's final outcome for Year 2. As with any other year, your child's achievements will be shared with you in their final report of the year.

IMPORTANT

Please remember the following points that will support your child:-

- A good night's sleep.
- A good healthy breakfast.
- NOT focussing on the tests! Treat test week as a normal week. Ask your child how their day was but let them lead the conversation. If they don't mention the test then don't feel the need to ask them about it. For our children, these tests are simply part of our normal teaching so they are not threatening or a big deal!

If you would still like to discuss SATs in more detail, then we are offering an information sharing session on **Thursday 11th May from 3.15pm until 3.45pm.**

Kind Regards,



Diane Mulley
Head Teacher