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Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Key Stage 1 Assessments

As I am sure you are aware, we are required by the Department of Education to submit assessment levels for our Year 2 children at the end of the academic year. In order to make these judgments, the class teachers use the work the children have completed in their books, their knowledge of what children can do, and 'End of Key Stage Assessments', known as SATs.

This year, these tests will be completed by the children over two weeks from the 15th May. There are two short reading papers and two short maths papers to complete. The children take these assessments in small groups outside the classroom, either with their class teacher or with a senior leader.

We make the assessments as stress-free as possible and will explain to the children that they provide them with the opportunity to share their knowledge and demonstrate all the hard work and excellent learning that they have done this year. To help the children get used to the test format, we have already been running small groups sessions to practise different questions.

Q. How can you help your child to prepare?

A. We will make sure all pupils are prepared for the tests. There's nothing specifically test-related that you should do to prepare your child, but please do keep practising your child's spellings with them each week and, of course, reading with them daily.

Q. What do the tests look like?

A. You can see what past papers look like [here](#).

If you have any queries about the assessment process or require any further information, please feel free to ask the leadership team any questions that you might have.

Kind regards,

Rory McGrath
Headteacher