

## **KS1 SATS – Parents' Guide**

### **What are SATs?**

SATS (Standard Assessment Tests) are a series of maths and English assessments, carried out at the end of key stage 1 (Year 2) and key stage 2 (Year 6). They consist of tests for reading and Maths. Unlike Key Stage 2, Key Stage 1 test can be timetabled by the school. They are administered by the class teacher in the classroom in a low-stress and low-key way to ensure the children feel relaxed whilst they are taking them. Some children may be unaware they have even taken them.

### **When will we be doing them?**

The tests will take place during May 2022. We ask that you do not book holiday during this time and the children are in school.

### **What will the tests look like?**

#### Reading

The reading test is made up of two separate papers and will be carried out on different days. These are not timed. The texts cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Teachers have the option to stop the test at any point if they feel it is appropriate for a particular child.

#### Maths

There are two separate Maths tests. Paper 1 is an arithmetic paper and Paper 2 is a problem solving and reasoning paper. They will be taken over two separate days.

#### Other subjects

Science and writing will be teacher assessed based on your child's work throughout the year.

### **Does my child have to take SATS?**

In England, the tests are compulsory for all Year 2 pupils and Year 6 pupils.

### **How can you help?**

By ensuring that your child attends school that day having had breakfast and a restful night's sleep. We will not be putting the children under pressure so we ask that you do not either. Keep practising their times tables, spellings and reading with your child. Please let us know if you have any further questions.