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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: KS1 Standard Assessment Tests (SATS)

During the week commencing 15th May and 22nd May 2023, Year 2 will be sitting SATS in the areas of Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) and Maths. These tests are a Government National Requirement in England and the results are used to gauge your child's educational progress.

As a school, our approach to testing is very informal to ensure your child has a positive and successful testing experience. A timetable will be put in place and these tests will be done in small groups.

Your child will also be assessed in writing and science, however, these judgements are based on teacher assessment and take into account a range of evidence from over the year. The teacher assessment in Reading, Writing, Maths and Science will be submitted in June. The SATs results are a small part of making a final teacher assessment. The judgements made will be reported to you in the final school report at the end of the academic year.

What will be in the KS1 SATs 2023 papers for Year 2?

KS1 Mathematics SATs:

- **Paper 1** is an arithmetic test which should take around 15 minutes. It will consist of 25 marks.
- **Paper 2** involves reasoning, problem solving and mathematical fluency. This paper has 35 marks available, will last for roughly 40 minutes, and contains a variety of question types.

KS1 English SPaG SATs:

- **Paper 1** is a 20 word spelling test worth 20 marks which should take roughly 15 minutes.
- **Paper 2** is a punctuation, grammar and vocabulary test. It comes in two sections of around 15 minutes each, and the paper is worth 20 marks.

KS1 Reading SATs:

- **Paper 1** consists of a variety of texts totalling 400 to 700 words with questions placed at intervals throughout.
- **Paper 2** consists of a reading booklet containing different passages. These will total 800 to 1100 words.

Each paper for the KS1 reading SATs is worth 50% of the available marks and should take up to 30 minutes. The texts in the tests cover a wide range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

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How can you help your child?

Reading:

- Please continue to read regularly with your child, encouraging them to read longer texts to improve their stamina.
- Asking questions linked to the text and discussing the vocabulary will really help to build their confidence and understanding – *Why do you think the character did this? How do you think they feel? What do you think will happen next?*
- Complete comprehension papers to build their confidence in reading texts and writing the answers.

Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation:

- Continue to work on helping them to spell the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception words. Turn it into a game/quiz.
- Work together to complete quiz style papers linking to SPAG.

Mathematics:

- Focus on your child knowing their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and related division facts by heart. E.g. $2 \times 5 = 10$ so $5 \times 2 = 10$ and $10 \div 5 = 2$ and $10 \div 2 = 5$.
- Practice mental addition and subtraction of one and two 2-digit numbers.
- Work together to complete quiz style papers relating to Maths and reasoning.

If you have any queries, please email support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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