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Dear Parents/Carers,

In Year 2 during next term, children will take SATS in Reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling and in Maths. For Maths and Reading there are two papers. Unlike Year 6, there is not a specific timetable that schools must adhere to, but they do need to be completed by the end of May. We are planning to keep this as very low key, and as much of the normal classroom activities as possible. At times the teaching day and the children may be organised differently to accommodate how assessments are carried out. As a school, we ensure that this is done in a calm and positive way to ensure that all children feel comfortable.

The Year 2 SATS are used to help confirm our teacher assessment only. Teacher assessment is based upon performance as a whole over a period of time. It is not just about formal assessments made over the forthcoming term or how a child performs on one particular day. We will make teacher assessments in literacy, numeracy and science.

The children have been given many opportunities to become familiar with these assessment materials and procedures. This has been on-going over the year. Most of the tasks are just like activities they experience each week. To help the children feel comfortable with the 'special quizzes', we are sending home two KS1 SAT's buster books to work through at their own pace over the Easter holidays and beyond. Completion of these booklets is in no way compulsory, but it will give you an insight as to the sort of questions your child will be asked in the Key Stage 1 SATS and may help them build more confidence through familiarity.

Please can the buster books be kept in their book bags, so we can be kept abreast of the children's progress, help as necessary and praise them for all of the effort they are putting in! We are very proud of all the children, who come to school each day ready and excited to learn.

If you have any issues or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Cowgill and Mrs Muckley

Year 2 teachers.

