



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As many of you will know, all Year 2 children across England will take part in the Key Stage 1 SATS tests in May 2023. Your child will complete Maths and Reading assessments. The assessments will be completed throughout the whole of May. Due to the age of the children, they can complete the papers in their own time and teachers can stop the tests for certain children if we feel it is necessary.

At Hazel Grove Primary, we don't tell the children that they will be sitting the SATS papers. Instead we tell them that they will be completing quizzes so that they don't feel nervous or anxious. Most children don't even realise that they have completed the assessments. Over the past few months we have been completing practice quizzes in class. This allows the children to become familiar with the format and ensures they aren't fazed by the time they complete them. Further information regarding the papers are detailed below.

### Reading

- Paper 1 consists of a selection of texts totaling 400 to 700 words, with questions interspersed
- Paper 2 comprises of a reading booklet of a selection of passages totaling 800 to 1100 words. Children will write their answers in a separate booklet

The texts in the reading papers cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, and get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test.

### Maths

- Paper 1: Arithmetic (consisting of questions similar to those we teach daily during Making Decisions).
- Paper 2: Reasoning and Problem Solving. There are a variety of question types: multiple choice, matching, true / false, constrained (e.g. completing a chart or table; drawing a shape) and less constrained (e.g. where children have to show or explain their method).

Although the tests are set externally, your child's papers will be marked by their class teacher. Children are given a scaled score. Information regarding your child's scaled scores will be included in their end of year report. Your child's teacher will also use the test scores to inform and support their own assessments, alongside evidence observed and recorded in class.

If you would like any further information regarding the SATs papers then please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

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