



Q&A from Key Stage 1 SATS Parent Meeting : Tues 23rd February 2016

1. What do the SATS tests cover?
 - a. Reading
 - i. Reading a story and answering in a separate booklet
 - ii. Reading and answering in the same booklet
 - b. English, Grammar and Punctuation
 - c. Spellings
 - d. Maths
 - i. Reasoning (problem solving)
 - ii. Arithmetic
2. How can I help my child?
 - a. Don't make it a big event! They are used to doing a variety of tasks in school and they are used to doing it "on their own" at times.
3. Are there any practice things to do at home?
 - a. This is a new test, (Year 2 pupils are the first to have completed Year 1 and Year 2 under the new 2014 national curriculum) so there is limited "old" material to practice with
 - b. As there are a limited number of papers, please do not use these, as these are being used at school and pupils should not have seen them before.
 - c. View the KS1 SATS presentation (slides 13-16) for suggestions of activities you can do that will support your child's learning.
4. Is the test timed?
 - a. Not strictly, however there is a rough guideline of time set aside.
5. Are all students doing it at the same time?
 - a. Most will do it in their own class with their own teacher alongside their Year 2 peers, however if they work better in a small group, that will be arranged. We want to keep this as normal as possible.
6. What is done with the score?
 - a. For the teacher, it's an extra bit of information.
 - b. For the school, it evaluates performance.
 - c. In general, it is a reference for the child in the future. At year 6, are they still "working within" as in Year 2, has their progress decelerated or accelerated?
7. Do parents get the results?
 - a. Yes. It is provided as part of their end of year reports, but as all schools are still awaiting guidance on how this information should be presented, we can't share information at this stage.
8. Will all the tests be done in one day?
 - a. No, they will be spread throughout the month of May.