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“Encourage one another and build each other up” *1 Thessalonians 5.11*

Key Stage 1 SATS

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

We want to share some information about the assessments your child will participate in during May and June. There's no need to worry—these assessments are standard for all Year 2 children in England.

While the government has made these assessments non-statutory, they still recommend that schools use them as a helpful tool alongside teacher assessments. The KS1 SATs will be conducted throughout May and June, and since they're not strictly timed, children will have access to resources like hundred squares if needed.

At South Marston, we are committed to ensuring that the children feel relaxed about these assessments, as they are just a small part of their Year 2 learning journey. In the coming months, children will practice various assessments and learn strategies to help them navigate the materials, with regular practice sessions and feedback in class. We'll also work in small groups to make the experience more comfortable.

You can expect your child to bring home practice papers soon. These are meant to be low-pressure, and you can support your child by having them complete a few questions each day instead of the entire test at once.

KS1 ENGLISH PAPERS

There are two reading papers for KS1 pupils to complete, and two spelling, punctuation and grammar tests.



The first reading paper asks children to complete a mixture of short answer and multiple-choice questions about short



stories/texts. The test is not timed but should take about **30 minutes to complete**.

The second reading paper asks children to read a booklet that has **three extracts**. The questions are a mixture of multiple choice and short-answer questions. The test is not timed but should take about **40 minutes** to complete.

KS1 MATHEMATICS PAPERS

Paper one is on arithmetic (focussing on the 4 operations – multiplication, division, addition and subtraction). The test lasts for around **20 minutes**.

Paper two is on reasoning (other areas of maths e.g – time, money, shape, space, measure etc). The test lasts for around **35 minutes**.

All other curriculum areas and subjects, such as Science are based purely on teacher assessment, children’s class work and evidence collected throughout the year.

The following websites have past and practice SATS papers, which you may wish to view and go through with your child:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials>

<https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/ks1-sats-papers/>

<https://www.satspapers.org.uk/Page.aspx?TId=4>

If you require anymore information, please let me know.

Kind Regards,

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