

Elmhurst School

Making a Positive Difference to the Quality of Learning
Headteacher ♦ Mrs Rachel Lee



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Dear Y2 Parents and Carers,

During May most children in Year 2 (end of Key Stage 1) take part in statutory assessments called Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs). These assessments will be kept very low key and are part of normal classroom activities. Children will complete the tasks with Miss Marshall in small groups throughout the month of May. Children complete tasks in Reading and Maths. Although the tests are set externally, they will be marked by Miss Marshall once the children have completed a task with her.

The main point you need to know as parents is that teachers will use the SATs to inform their teacher assessment judgements, as well as using all of their knowledge regarding your child's ability to create an overall assessment. It is the Teacher Assessment that is taken as the final judgement. Teachers also need to assess pupils' writing but there is no specific task for them to complete as their writing over the last term is used to form a teacher judgement.

Teacher Assessment judgement grades are:

- * Working Below
- * Working Towards
- * Working At the Expected Standard
- * Working At a Greater Depth

The grades your child receives will be communicated to you with your child's annual school report in July. Speaking and Listening and Science will also be assessed by your child's teacher based on their work throughout the year.

Due to some pupils' Special Educational Needs it may not be appropriate for your child to take part in the SATs. The parents of the pupils that this affects will have been spoken to at parents' evening by your child's class teacher.

During the next few weeks there may be times in the teaching day where the children will 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. All teachers endeavour to make this a stress free time and we ask that you support us with this. If you have any questions then please see your child's class teacher.

For further information about the KS1 SATs please visit the school website or www.gov.uk/government/news/information-for-parents-2018-key-stage-1-and-2-assessments

Yours sincerely,

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