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Dear Parents,

We are informing you that during May all the children in Year 2 will be completing the Government's Standard Assessment Tests in Maths and Reading as part of their daily routine in a classroom.

As in previous years, the tests will not be administered or recorded formally, as the end of KS2 tests are. Teachers will mark the tests in school. The results of these tests will be used to support the teacher's assessment of your child. The teacher assessment will form the basis of your child's attainment, as they know your child's abilities well. This attainment will be recorded in your child's report in July and given to the Year 3 teacher to continue your child's learning.

You will be aware, from the news, of the Government's major mistake over the Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation test, which was published as a sample test then released as the proper test, so all the children have already seen it!! They do not have another test so no child will sit this test, this year. Spelling, grammar and punctuation will continue to be taught within the curriculum.

We will not be talking to your children about 'testing' although some test technique is being taught and sample questions are being shared with them so your children have some awareness of the expectations of a test paper.

All we ask is that you continue to support your child as you have done, hearing them read daily and signing their diary, practicing their number bonds and tables and ensuring they have the time and space to complete homework tasks well. Please continue with home routines, play activities and clubs they do. You do not need to talk to them about tests and worry them or yourselves about the outcomes.

There is more information on the DfE website at www.gov.uk/dfes and there is a useful video, from the Government, on 'You Tube' entitled '2016 National Curriculum test (SATs) information for parents'.

Thank you for your support of your child's education and if you have any queries or concerns please talk to us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A. Mason.