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Dear parents and carers,

Previously, in the summer term, Year 2 children have completed statutory SATs assessments. However, Year 2 SATs are now non-statutory and optional.

Following discussions, listening to local authority and government guidance; we have decided that Year 2 will still complete SATs papers this year.

The tests will be used to help measure attainment and inform teaching/learning. They will help to pinpoint key areas where pupils need additional support as they transition into KS2. SATs will be marked in school by myself, I will use my professional judgement and classroom observations to contribute to each child's overall assessment. The papers are structured in a very similar way to the assessments that the children usually complete at the end of each half-term.

SATS will take place during May 2024.

To support your child with their learning, I have the following recommendations:

- Practise multiplying and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Look at the pattern when multiplying a number by 0 or 1 (<https://play.trockstars.com/ttrs/online/mtc?t=home>).
- Practise using number bonds and applying these when adding or subtracting (<https://play.numbots.com/#/intro>).
- Practise weekly spellings and spellings of common exception words (<https://play.edshed.com/en-gb>).
- Continue to regularly read school books and look at the comprehension questions in the back of these.
- We are currently learning about money in our maths lessons. The children have loved playing shops and using plastic coins to add different amounts. Playing shop games at home or children helping to count change will help to reinforce the concept of money.

Kind regards,

Miss Cromarty
Class Teacher

