

# Blue Coat CE Infant School and Nursery



## Key Stage 1 Standard Attainment Tests

### Information for parents

#### **Overview**

During Year 2 all children are assessed against national standards. This is known as SATs (Standard Attainment Tests). These assessments take the form of tests that are designed to check that children are making progress. These tests will then be used to inform teacher judgements. During this meeting we will discuss what happens during this process and the changes that have been made to these procedures this year in all schools. We also aim to share with you the ways in which you can support your children at home.

## Assessment Tests

<b>Mathematics</b>	<p>Teacher assessment is ongoing during the year but in addition to this children work through booklets of maths questions covering all of the work they have been doing in their maths lessons.</p> <p>There are 2 maths papers; the first is a mental calculations paper where the children are given 25 minutes to answer 25 standard calculation questions. The second paper will contain word based questions related to number, shape, measurement, simple fractions, data handling and problem solving.</p> <p>There may be questions where they have to write an explanation of their 'working out'.</p>
<b>Reading</b>	<p>This test will take the form of two papers that are set out in different ways. The first is a booklet containing a story and some information or non-fiction writing, which they read and answer questions about.</p> <p>The second test will include a longer, harder text to read and have more complicated questions to answer.</p>
<b>Spelling</b>	<p>Children will be given a page of sentences with key words missing. The teacher will read the full sentence and the key word for the children. These can only be read once.</p>
<b>Writing</b>	<p>Teacher assessment is ongoing during the year.</p>
<b>Grammar and Punctuation</b>	<p>Children in Year 2 are now required to complete a grammar test. This test will consist of a series of short questions related to grammar and punctuation taught in Year 1 and 2. This will include for example past and present tense, commas and use of apostrophes.</p>

### Administering the tests

We are aware that some children can worry or become anxious about completing tests and so in school children are always encouraged not to worry about completing the tests and they are administered in a very relaxed and non-competitive way. Children will not be told beforehand when they are completing the tests to avoid any unnecessary anxiety. Practice activities will be undertaken at different points throughout the year to prepare pupils for this assessment format.