

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

As SATs are fast approaching, we are starting to think about the best way to prepare the children. In May every year, all Year 2 children across the country take part in statutory assessments called Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). They will sit two reading tests and two maths tests. We will be carrying out these tests during the week of May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please note, these will last the whole week and it is extremely important for all the children to be in school **all** week in order to sit these tests.

### **How to help at home**

Over the Easter holidays we will be sending out a reading and arithmetic booklet. This is to help your child practise the skills they will need for the tests at the end of May. The booklets will consolidate the skills we have been working on over the past year. Please do not feel that these are compulsory, nor that they need to be returned to the school. However, the additional practise at home will of course benefit your child and will be greatly appreciated by us.

### **Arithmetic skills**

In maths, we have been teaching the children specific arithmetic methods to solve different maths problems. We would like to invite you to a workshop at school in order for us to explain exactly how we have taught the children. We feel it would be beneficial for adults working with the children to be using the same methods, so not to confuse them. This will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, straight after school in your child's Year 2 classroom. Your children are more than welcome to come too and help.

We have practised the SATs tests so it will be nothing new to the children. They know they are coming up and although we have emphasised that they are important, we have made it clear that all we ask is that they do their best.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to come and talk to one of us.

Yours sincerely

Miss Rogers and Mrs Thapa