

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the statutory Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs) have been cancelled for the current Year 6 cohort. Although this has come as a great relief to many children (and parents!), there have been some questions about what assessments will be sent to secondary schools in their place.



Writing

We will be using a creative writing stimulus for our writing assessment this year. This will be completed independently and will be used alongside our teacher assessment for a judgement of **working towards the expected standard** (WTS), **working at the expected standard** (EXS) or **working at greater depth** (GDS).

We will work as a whole class to generate ideas and vocabulary before children write a short story based on a picture. This will not be the only piece of writing we make the judgement on, we will look at their writing from March onwards in conjunction with the creative writing piece.



Reading and Maths

For our reading and maths judgements, we will be using assessment papers during our whole school assessment week. Like our assessment weeks at Christmas and Easter (although we did not conduct one this Easter!), we will use the results of these assessments alongside our knowledge of the children to reach a final judgement of WTS, EXS or GDS.

It may be tempting to give children lots of revision or lots of extra work with tutors prior to these assessments but please remember that the children have been through an awful lot in the last year and a half - our teacher assessment is not solely made up of the assessments we are asking them to complete and are simply another 'string to the bow' in your child's portfolio that we have been reviewing since we came back to school in March.

Encouraging your child to read, completing the homework set each week, self-organisation skills and making sure your child is well rested and in school on time every day is a much more effective method of preparation for secondary school.

In your child's end of year report, you will be notified of the final judgement (WTS, EXS or GDS) for Writing, Reading and Maths. As always, all four of your child's annual reports will be forwarded to their respective secondary school as part of the school file transfer.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

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