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This half term is a busy one for Year 2. During the week commencing the 13th May, Year 2 will be sitting the statutory end of Key Stage 1 assessments in both Reading and Mathematics.

These assessments (SATs) will be the first time the children experience formal testing and it is vital that they have as positive an experience as possible. Tests, as many of us know, can be daunting and a negative experience can severely impact on a child's confidence in their abilities. In line with this, we would ask that you refrain from discussing the tests with your child to avoid any unnecessary anxiety.

Therefore, it is very important to us that the children not only do well in the tests, but that they also enjoy them. To support this we sit practice tests to acclimatise children to test conditions. We talk through these tests as a class or in small groups afterwards to ensure that the children can share good ideas and equally, are happy to discuss their mistakes. We also refer to these tests as 'quizzes' in case any child has preconceived negative ideas about the term 'test'.

Formal testing is a government requirement at this stage, but it is certainly not the only way in which we assess the children's ability. At the end of Key Stage 1 it is the teacher assessment of children's abilities based upon their work in every lesson which is reported to County and the tests form part of that continual assessment process. Different children respond differently to tests and it would be unfair to secure our judgement of a child's ability based on a single test.

Your child's tests results alongside their overall result, taking into account all the work they have done in Year 2, will be sent to you with their end of year reports in July and individual feedback will not be provided before this time.

Although we will spend an appropriate amount of time in preparation for the SATs, this will run alongside our topic for this half term, 'Butterfly Bedlam'. In this topic we will not only be looking at the remarkable lifecycle of butterflies but also at the concept of change and metamorphosis in both the natural world in and in ourselves.

We look forward to another fun-filled half term, thank you as always for your support.

The Year 2 Team.

