

Mental Maths Tests

Every Friday, the children take part in a quick mental maths test. This helps them to practise their mathematical skills under test like conditions. This will help prepare the children for the Arithmetic SATS test that they will sit in May. *Please* don't worry about SATS, we will be providing all the information you need on the subject nearer the time.

The mental maths tests that we complete each week only last a 5 minutes or so. The questions are read out and the children are encouraged to have a try. There are usually a mixture of easy, medium and hard questions.

We will always stop the test and discuss questions and the best strategies for answering them if a new or challenging questions comes up.

Most importantly, the children do not see these tests as something to worry about - they are completed quickly, in a fun way and without much fuss. Over the weeks and months the children are slowly building up their strategies - being soundly prepared so that the Arithmetic SATS test in May does not come as a surprise.

See over the page for an example of a weekly mental maths test. You will be able to see that one side are the questions that are read out and that on the other side is the answer paper.

Please feel free to ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the mental maths tests.