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Dear Parents/Carers

In preparation for the Key Stage Two tests in May the children have recently completed some practice SATs using the 2016 test papers. This has been invaluable and given the children some insight into the type of questions they will be expected to answer within a given time limit, along with practising basic exam techniques. The papers have also given staff an indication of areas for improvement as well as emphasising children's areas of strength. This will hopefully help those who are lacking confidence to show they have the ability and can do well!

Please find enclosed an overview of your child's scores, the completed papers and a summary of the aspects of arithmetic included with the maths papers. The 3 colours indicate whether they would have passed, nearly passed or still have significant areas to improve. The arithmetic sheet highlights the skills they are proficient in and those that require practice (in yellow).

In class the children are now looking at the areas they found difficult but it would be also helpful if at home you could take some time going through the questions with your child, spotting any minor errors as well as identifying misconceptions.

It's important to keep these tests in perspective and recognise that this is only one indicator of your child's attainment at this early stage. Please do not worry unduly. We will be continuing to teach and reinforce lots of basic concepts, knowledge and skills over the forthcoming weeks.

Helpful Hints for children

- In maths check calculations
- Identify key information in the question
- Read the question slowly
- Ask for a tricky question to be read aloud (except in reading)
- Stop and think through your strategy before answering a question
- Make jottings/diagrams etc

If you have any concerns or questions about the enclosed information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Woodend or Mrs Whitmarsh.

Yours sincerely

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