

# Hollybrook Infant School

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Dear Parents / Carer

As you may be aware children are tested at the end of Year 2 which is the end of Key Stage One. This is known as SATs which stands for Standard Assessment Tasks and Tests. They were introduced around 1990 when children had to take a range of tests in maths, science, reading and writing. Teachers also made a teacher assessment judgement. Children were then given a level. Around 2006 the system was changed so that the reported judgement was the teacher assessment level which is based on their learning over time rather than a judgement made through a written test or task on one particular day. This was a lot fairer and in the vast majority of cases the two levels matched.

The children still have to do a task or test in reading, writing and maths along with a spelling test. However, this can be done at any time in the year and is then used to inform future planning. Teachers will make their final assessment during the summer term and the levels will be reported to parents, along with the children's reports, in reading, writing, maths and science.

The levels are as follows:

W = working below the level expected for their age

Level 1 - working towards the level expected for their age

Level 2c )

Level 2b ) Children working within level 2 are working within the level expected for their age

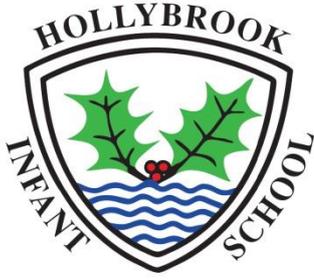
Level 2a )

Level 3 - working above the level expected for their age

National average = a 2b

It is important to note that this is the last year when children will be levelled - they will not receive levels in Year 3 as the National Curriculum has changed and from September 2015 there will be assessment without levels. Children in Years 2 and 6 will still be tested but we do not yet know what this will look like.





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Your child has already done the tests in all of the subjects. It is unlikely that you will know this as we make it as normal as possible so that children are not aware that they are taking any kind of test. We will be continuing to do assessments through their normal learning throughout the summer terms so it is important that they are in school during this time.

If you would like to help your child then please continue to hear them read and work on the targets that were given out at the last parents evenings. Questioning your children when they read is also helpful as well as practising tricky word spellings.

We have made the decision to send out the information by letter this year as we only had a few parents attend the meeting last year and we feel that it is important that everyone receives the information, particularly as this is the last year in which children will be judged like this.

However, should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

Year 2 Team

