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Dear Parent/Carer,

Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT)

Year 5 children will be taking CAT assessments during this week. These are taken in the computing suite over a period of sessions.

What are CAT Tests?

CATs assess an individual's ability to reason and manipulate different types of symbols. These symbols are represented through words, quantities and special, geometric or figural patterns. The children are given four tests: Verbal Reasoning, Non-verbal Reasoning, Quantitative and Spatial Ability. These are similar to the types of tests in the Kent Test. However, in the Kent Test the second test has both the reasoning and non-verbal reasoning section within the same test.

For each of the four tests, your child will be given a SAS (Standardised Assessment Score) which can be compared to their potential Kent Test Score. CAT scores of 110 or above are considered to be above average with scores above 128 very high. Generally speaking, CAT scores below 110 would suggest that a child is unlikely to achieve selective scores in the Kent Test, although this is not always the case and individual circumstances should be taken into account. Often the scores the children achieve in CAT assessments come out as slightly higher than the Kent test scores.

Once the children have taken the tests you will be informed of their scores. If you would like to talk to your child's class teacher about their Cognitive Ability Tests (CAT scores) and the Kent Test, you will have an opportunity to do this at the parent's evenings next term.

I will be sharing an information PowerPoint about the Kent Test process once I have received the information from the Local Authority. The PowerPoint will be on the school website by the end of this week in the parent section under the tab Kent Test.

Finally, should you have any questions you think I might be able to help you with please contact the school.

Kind regards,
Annie Knoupe
Headteacher

