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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Year 5 CATS Tests

On Monday 13th June, all children in Year 5 will be sitting assessments known as the Cognitive Ability Tests or CATs.

The CATs tests give us a detailed picture of individual children's strengths and weaknesses, helping the teachers greatly in understanding each child's learning style, and adapting lessons or groups accordingly. CATs tests are also widely used in secondary schools from Year 7 onwards, so by introducing them in Year 5 we are providing continuity and building the children's confidence in approaching this type of test. During the CATs process, the children are tested in 3 different areas:

- **Verbal Reasoning:** Thinking with words, sentences and sequences
- **Quantitative Reasoning:** Thinking with numbers, number relationships and series, and equation building
- **Non-Verbal Reasoning:** Thinking with shapes and space, figure classification and shape analysis

The children's test papers are then marked externally to provide us with a full and complete breakdown of each child's abilities in the areas tested. These tests also give an indication on how your child will perform when taking the 11+ test at the beginning of year 6.

We will be holding an information evening for any parents who wish to find out more about both the CATs and 11+ on Tuesday 7th June at 6pm.

Yours sincerely

Miss Rogers

