



## **YEAR 6 SATS WEEK 2024:**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

### **What do SATs tests show?**

The idea of the SATs is to show what pupils have learnt and retained during the year and their journey through Key Stage 2. The tests help our teachers learn more about the strengths and weaknesses of what your child understands about a subject.

### **What are the children tested on?**

The children are tested on all of the work they have covered in all year groups so far. Year 6 children are tested on Maths and English.

### **What is in the Key Stage 2 SAT's Test?**

#### **KS2 Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (1 hour)**

This test is split into two components:

- **Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary**
- **Spelling**

#### **Grammar, punctuation and vocabulary (45 minutes)**

Children will be given a question booklet to write their answers in. They will need to circle, tick, line or write a short answer. Some questions will ask the child to write a full sentence. The questions start off easy and move onto more difficult questions towards the end of the booklet. The questions will test children's understanding of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary, and their ability to use them in the right way.

#### **Spelling (15 minutes)**

Children will be given a booklet to write their answers in. The teacher will read out 20 short sentences; the children will fill in the missing gaps with the word read out by the teacher.

### **KS2 Reading (1 Hour)**

English reading – one paper based on reading comprehension of three to four texts, with a total of 35 to 40 questions totalling 50 marks.

Questions are designed to assess the comprehension and understanding of a child's reading and vocabulary. Some questions are multiple choice or selected response, others require short answers and some require an extended response or explanation.

### **Mathematics**

The Mathematics tests are split into 3 components:

#### **KS2 Arithmetic Paper 1 (30 minutes)**

Paper 1 is for 'Arithmetic' lasting for 30 minutes, covering calculation methods for all operations, including use of fractions, percentages and decimals. Questions gradually increase in difficulty, not all children will be expected to access some of the more difficult questions later in the paper.

#### **KS2 Reasoning Paper 2 and 3 (40 minutes each)**

Papers 2 and 3 cover 'Problem Solving and Reasoning', each lasting for 40 minutes. Pupils will still require calculation skills but will need to answer questions in context and decide what is required to find a solution. The questions will cover all of the areas of maths taught in Primary School, including place value, the four operations, area, symmetry etc. Some of the questions encourage children to show their working out.

#### ***How will the results be reported?***

Year 6 SATs tests are sent away for marking and are handed out as soon as they arrive back in school. From 2016, **scaled scores** have been used to report the results of these tests. A child's actual test score will be converted into a 'scaled score', where a score of 100 represents the **national standard**. Therefore, a child with a score of 100 at the end of Year 6 could be said to have 'met the standard' or be at 'age-related expectations'.

The actual score a child will need to get in each test to achieve a scaled score of 100 has not yet be set. The government is waiting until pupils have sat the tests in May before setting the national standard.

The reports are accompanied by an additional sheet that states the test level and a teacher assessment. Both carry equal weighting. The sheet also details how the child fairs in comparison to the national and the school averages.

#### **What do the results of all the tests mean?**

The results show whether or not your child has reached the expected National Curriculum level.

Every school will have set a target for a certain percentage of pupils to reach the expected levels in English and Mathematics. The results will show whether your child's school has managed to achieve that target.

### **What is teacher assessment?**

Teachers are required to summarise their assessment at the end of the key stage, giving a level for each attainment target in English, Mathematics and Science. They must give an overall subject level in Mathematics and Science and English.

- Other subjects, including English Speaking and Listening, are assessed by teachers rather than by children taking a formal written test. This assessment data is then submitted to the DfE, and is subject to moderation.
- Your child's teacher will assess their writing composition, so your child's result for English writing will be a judgement of their work across year 6. Your child's grammar, punctuation and spelling skills will be assessed as part of their writing, but their creativity and writing style will also be evaluated.
- Teacher assessments will be passed on to secondary schools so they can be used in planning for year 7 teaching.
- The following subjects will continue to be teacher assessed: Speaking and Listening, Science and Writing.
- Maths, SPAG and Reading tests will continue to be marked externally.

### **What guidance is given to teachers on assessment?**

The standards descriptions in the national curriculum are the basis for judging the children's levels of attainment.

### **What if my child is ill?**

Pupils who are ill on the day of a KS2 SATs test will be able to sit it within a week.

### **How to help your child**

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!
- Playing is important - children should not be stopped from living their lives as normal during test week.
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) are always good to practise.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what book(s) they are reading (the character, the plot, their opinion).
- Make sure your child has a good sleep and healthy breakfast every morning!
- Encourage them to ask the teacher if they are unsure about anything.
- Explain that the SATs are a way of showing what they know and can recall in specific subjects.

Proposed Timetable for 2024 KS2 SATS.  
(This is set by the Standards Testing Agency.)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2024	Mathematics paper 3

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

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