

# Information for Parents

## Key Stage 2 SATs



# What does SATs Stand For?

- ◎ Statutory Assessment Tasks and Tests.
- ◎ Taken at the end of Key Stage 1 (at age 7) and at the end of Key Stage 2 (at age 11).

# How are the children assessed?

- ◎ For all children in Year 6, there are two sorts of assessments:
  - tests
  - teacher assessments

# What does teacher assessment involve and is it different from testing?

- ◎ Teacher assessment draws together everything the teacher or teachers know about a child, including observations, marked work and school assessments.
- ◎ Teacher assessment is not a 'snapshot' like tests and as a result, there can sometimes be differences between teacher assessment results and test levels.

# 2024 Test Timetable

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# What will the result look like?

- ⦿ Raw scores are translated to a scaled score.
  - The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is the same as set in 2016 and is intended to stay the same in future years. The lowest scaled score that can be awarded on a KS2 test is 80. The highest scaled score is 120.
  - Pupils scoring at least a scaled score of 100 will have met the expected standard in the test.
  - A pupil awarded a scaled score of 99 or less has not met the expected standard in the test.
- ⦿ The score that equates to '100' changes yearly as boundaries alter slightly.
- ⦿ Helps test to be reported consistently and maintain meaning over time – 2 pupils achieving the same scaled score in different years will have demonstrated the same attainment.
- ⦿ Pupils will receive a raw score, scaled score and confirmation of attainment of the national standard. These are released in the first two weeks of July.
- ⦿ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/understanding-scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2>

# What do the tests involve?

# ENGLISH



# Writing

- There is no “writing test” for any schools: these were removed in 2014.
- Writing is assessed based on Teacher Assessment of normal classroom writing tasks; the same method as KS1 Writing.
- There is statutory moderation of some schools and this will take place by the end of the Summer Term.

# English grammar, punctuation and spelling

- ◎ Greater focus on knowing and applying grammatical terminology with the full range of punctuation tested.
- ◎ Spelling patterns and methodologies form the basis of spellings tested.
  
- ◎ Paper 1: 45 minutes – GPS (50 marks)
- ◎ Paper 2: 15 minutes – Spelling test (20 marks)

# Have a go!!

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Insert a **pair of brackets** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Using public transport such as buses and trains can reduce  
pollution.

1 mark

36

Complete the sentence below with a **relative clause**. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

His sister, \_\_\_\_\_, is learning  
to speak Polish.

1 mark

# Have a go!!

40

Insert **two commas** and a **semi-colon** in the correct places in the passage below.

Last Wednesday we performed a play at school I invited my parents to come and watch. When I first went on stage I was so nervous that I nearly forgot my lines.

1 mark

# Have a go!!

Circle all the **prepositions** in the sentence below.

He walked through the doorway and sat behind the desk.

1 mark

**Award 1 mark for both** words encircled.

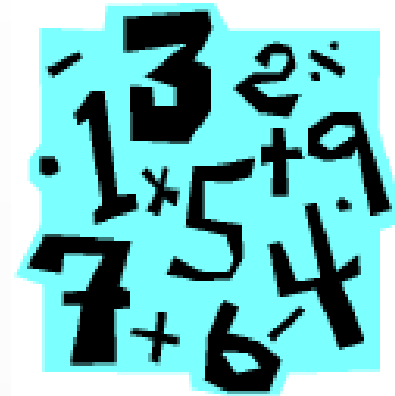
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**1m**

# Reading Comprehension

- One paper with questions that are based on 3 passages of text. Students get 1 hour to answer the questions on the paper.
- ⦿ Children will have a total of one hour to read the texts and complete the comprehension questions.
- ⦿ The reading answer booklet will comprise approximately 35 to 40 questions (totalling 50 marks). The questions will be a mixture of:
  - shorter, closed responses (such as multiple choice and matching questions)
  - shorter, open responses,
  - longer, open responses that require children to explain and comment on the texts in order to demonstrate a full understanding.

# MATHS



# Maths

- 3 papers in total
- 2 papers – reasoning 40 minutes each
- Arithmetic test to assess basic mathematical calculations:
  - No application questions
  - 36 questions, 40 marks, 30 minutes
  - <https://mathsbot.com/primary/ks2>
  - The above link generates arithmetic papers so you can see what to expect.
  - We have set these as additional homework on google classroom and encourage as much practice as possible.
  - Timetable knowledge is essential for all these tests.

# Have a go!!

Write the three missing digits to make this **addition** correct.

$$\begin{array}{r} 15\boxed{\phantom{0}} \\ + 4\boxed{\phantom{0}}4 \\ \hline \boxed{\phantom{0}}15 \end{array}$$

          
2 marks

Award **TWO** marks for:

$$\begin{array}{r} 15\boxed{1} \\ + 4\boxed{6}4 \\ \hline \boxed{6}15 \end{array}$$

If the answer is incorrect, award **ONE** mark for two digits correct.



<p>Award <b>TWO</b> marks for the correct answer of 25p</p> <p>If the answer is incorrect, award <b>ONE</b> mark for evidence of an appropriate method, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>168 \div 2 = 84</math> 109 – 84</li></ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>168 \div 6 = 28</math> <math>3 \times 28 = 84</math> 109 – 84</li></ul>	<p><b>Up to 2m</b></p>	<p>Accept for <b>TWO</b> marks, an answer given in the acceptable notation (see page 10 for guidance).</p> <p>Answer need not be obtained for the award of <b>ONE</b> mark.</p> <p>Accept for <b>ONE</b> mark an answer of 0.25p <b>OR</b> £25p <b>OR</b> £25 as evidence of an appropriate method.</p>
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# How is SATs week organised?

- A timetable is issued to school, telling us on which days tests must be administered.
- We can determine at what time tests begin.
- Test papers can only be opened 1 hour before the tests begin.
- Tests are completed either in classrooms with any displays that may help covered over.
- Children are divided into small groups for test administration to ensure they are properly supported and feel secure.
- The LA monitor 10% of schools per year.

# What help can children have?

- In the reading test, children must read the text and questions by themselves, but MAY have help recording their answers (if this is usual classroom practice).
- In the maths reasoning papers, adults can read questions to any child who asks (and we encourage this), some children will have the whole paper read to them, on a one to one basis. In the arithmetic paper, the children must read and answer the questions themselves.
- Teachers can encourage, but not guide or say that an answer is correct or incorrect.
- Some children can be given up to 25% extra time if they have identified learning needs. This will be applied for and approved in advance of the tests.
- Words on a test paper can be transcribed where a marker may not be able to read a child's answer.

# How can parents and carers help?

- Attending meetings and parents evenings.
- Supporting home/extra curricular learning – including homework tasks and regular reading.
- Not putting children under too much pressure.
- Ensuring children arrive for tests:
  - in good time
  - having had breakfast
  - having gone to bed at a reasonable time

(We will be hosting a relaxing breakfast in school each morning of the SATs)

Please note: test papers are available from previous years on the government website but please do not use these at home as we use them as mock tests in school.

The papers we have already sat are 2017 and 2018: the pupils are currently sitting the 2019 papers. They will be sitting the 2020 and 2021 as a mock practice before May.



# Online Resources Available

- Free SATs practice resources:

<https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/free-sats-downloads-ks1-ks2/>

- Maths arithmetic practice:

<https://mathsbot.com/primary/ks2>

IXL have separate pages of skills linked to individual year group. The Y6 page has links to practise both English and Maths skills.: <https://uk.ixl.com/english/year-6>

<https://uk.ixl.com/maths/year-6>

- A site with both Maths and English based quizzes which are marked as you go along:

<http://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/>

- A site with a range of information and questions – great for revision purposes:

[http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children\\_sats.htm](http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm)

- BBC Education have produced a whole host of materials for KS2. Follow the KS2 link and then select either Maths or English. Each area usually has an information section for reading, plus an activity and then quiz which is marked online. Some aspects require a subscription.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>

- Maths Genie – scroll to ‘KS2 SATs Revision by Topic’

<https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/primary.html> (we will be using past papers in school – please do not use the 2019 onwards)

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