

In the UK, SATs are Standard Assessment Tests administered by primary schools in England to children in Year 6 to gauge their educational progress. The setting and marking of SATs are carried out in UK schools by the Standards & Testing Agency.

This year SATs week will be the week beginning the 11th of May. The SATs take place over 4 days consisting of:

Monday: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (45 minute paper plus approximately 20 minutes spelling)

Tuesday: Reading (1 hour paper)

Wednesday: Arithmetic and Reasoning 1 (30 minute paper followed by a 40 minute paper)

Thursday: Reasoning 2 (40 minute paper)

Writing is teacher assessed and is done from tasks completed in our normal literacy lessons.

All children will receive the papers on the same day. It is important that all children attend for the duration of this week so that they receive a mark.

The tests will be completed in the classroom, so that the environment is very familiar to the children.

#### Scores:

Each child, on results day, will receive a raw score (number of marks per paper) and a scaled score. Tests are developed to the same specification each year. However, because the questions must be different, the difficulty of tests may vary. This means we need to convert the total number of marks a pupil gets in a test (their 'raw' score) into a scaled score to ensure we can make accurate comparisons of performance over time.

Pupils scoring at least 100 will have met the expected standard on the test. However, given that the difficulty of the tests may vary each year, the number of raw score marks needed to achieve a scaled score of 100 may also change.

The breakdown of each test:

#### Grammar, punctuation and Spelling (SPAG):

The grammar, punctuation and spelling test consists of two parts: a grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers and an aural spelling test of 20 words. The grammar and punctuation test will include two sub-types of questions:

- Selected response, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives in the sentence below'
- Constructed response, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

#### Reading:

The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. There will be a selection of question types, including:

- Ranking/ordering, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- Labelling, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- Find and copy, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- Short constructed response, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- Open-ended response, e.g. 'Look at the sentence that begins Once upon a time. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.'

## Maths:

Children sit three papers in maths.

**Paper 1: Arithmetic.** Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including straightforward addition and subtraction and more complex calculations with fractions worth 1 mark each. They also cover long division and long multiplication questions worth 2 marks each.

**Papers 2 and 3: reasoning.** Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of question types, including:

- Multiple choice
- True or false
- Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or completing a table or chart
- Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem

## How you can help at home:

- Ensure that your child attends school as much as possible.
- Practise times tables (I have included some links below).
- Practice reading every night.
- Don't do too much practise of papers at home- we will be doing this in school!
- Do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything you need to discuss or your child is worried about.

## Recommended websites:

- [BBC Bitesize Revision](#)
- [Hit the Button](#)
- [ICTeachers](#)
- [Keystage2literacy.co.uk](#)

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## Information guide for parents

