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A Parent's Guide to Key Stage One SATs



Aims

- To understand what your child will be tested on and the format of the tests
- How the tests will be marked and reported
- The role of Teacher Assessment
- How you can help and support your child

When are our children assessed at Surrey Hills?



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Statutory Testing:

- Year 1 – Phonics screening
- KS1 SATs – At the end of Year 2
- KS2 SATs – At the end of Year 6

Assessment in school is ongoing and takes place in all year groups, at various times throughout the year, but these are not statutory.



What do SATs tests show?

- The idea of the SATs is to help show the progress that the children have made during Year 1 and Year 2.
- The data is used by the school and the county to help measure the success of the school and to compare it with other schools locally and nationally.
- The results of the tests will help us to set next steps and expectations for your child as they enter Key Stage 2.



What form will the tests take?

English

○ **Reading**

- Reading Paper 1: combined reading prompt and answer booklet
- Reading Paper 2: reading booklet and reading answer booklet

○ **Writing**

- Teacher Assessment (throughout the year)
- *Grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: spelling*
- *Grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: questions*

Maths

- Paper 1: Arithmetic
- Paper 2: Reasoning

When do the tests take place?



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- The KS1 tests do not have set days for their administration but all tests must take place in May 2017.
- Each test does not have a time limit but guidance has been given to teachers on a suitable time allocation for each test.
- The class teacher will use their knowledge of your child to decide whether your child needs a rest break, extra time or to stop the test early.



KS1 English reading test

- The English reading test will have a greater emphasis on the comprehension elements of the new curriculum.
- There are 2 reading papers, one with the texts and questions combined and one with more challenging texts with the questions in a separate booklet.
- All children will do both papers.
- Each paper will have a selection of texts of increasing difficulty.

KS1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test

- The new grammar, punctuation and spelling test has an emphasis on technical aspects of grammar.
- There are two papers; Paper 1: spelling and Paper 2: questions.
- Paper 1: The teacher will read a test transcript and the children will fill in the 20 missing words in the answer booklet.
- Paper 2: Questions focus on pupils' knowledge of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.



KS1 Mathematics test

- Paper 1: The arithmetic test assesses pupils' confidence and mathematical fluency with whole numbers, place-value and counting.
- Paper 2: The reasoning test assesses pupils' mathematical fluency, problem solving and reasoning skills.



Preparing for SATs in school

- Ensure that all children think of the SATS as a 'quiz/challenge' to reduce any anxiety that could occur from test pressure.
- Ensure all English and Maths lessons are focused on the raised expectations of the Year 2 curriculum.
- High expectations of all children.
- Regular homework to support the children with consolidating their English and Maths.
- Familiarising the children with the different styles and formats of test questions.



What is teacher assessment?

- Teachers are required to summarise their on-going teacher assessment at the end of KS1, for English (reading and writing), Maths and Science.
- This is significant for those children who have not achieved in the test as they were expected to, as this provides evidence that the children are working at an expected outcome which was not reflected in the outcome of the test.

How can parents help?



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- Praise 'marvelous mistakes' as this is how we learn
- Praise the process of learning e.g. perseverance, explaining or showing working out
- Read regularly with your child at home and question them about the text
- Discuss the texts that the children are reading
- Keep revising previous spellings
- Support your child in learning their spellings, their 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables and their number bonds
- Support your child in working through their homework
- When supporting homework encourage your child to always 'have a go' at the answer and show how they found their answer in mathematics
- Treat test days as a typical school day. Encourage your child to see the tests as a 'fun' quiz or challenge



To sum up:

National tests are an important milestone in school life. They give useful information to your child's teachers and to the government. But it's important to get them in proportion. They are just one of the ways the school works out how well your child is doing. They shouldn't be stressful, and in fact many children enjoy the change in routine, as long as they know they have your support and understanding.

Please take the opportunity to look through the last years papers.