

Welcome to:

# A Parent's Guide to Key Stage Two SATs

# Aims

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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 at home.

# Can my child fail a SATs test?

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It is important that the children understand they are not going to 'pass' or 'fail' the test – it will just show what they have learnt, the progress they have made and will help plan their next steps.

# When are our children assessed?

## Statutory Testing:

- Reception – Early Years Baseline
- 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?

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- SATs are predominantly used as a way for both parents and teachers to learn more about their child's academic strengths and weaknesses. They give teachers the chance to see how children are doing in comparison to their peers not only within the same school, but also nationally.
- SATs are a useful tool to see how well a child has progressed from KS1 to KS2, and they also give secondary schools a base to compare against when the time comes for your child to leave Year 6 and make the journey on to secondary school.

# What form will the tests take?

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## **English**

### ○ **Reading**

- Reading booklet and associated answer booklet (1 hr)

### ○ **Writing**

- Teacher assessment (throughout the year)
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: short answer questions (45 mins)
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling

## **Maths**

- Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 mins)
- Paper 2: Reasoning (40 mins)
- Paper 3: Reasoning (40 mins)

# KS2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test.

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- There are two papers; Paper 1: questions and Paper 2: spelling.
- Paper 1: Pupils will have 45 minutes to complete the test, answering the questions in the test paper. The questions are worth a total of 50 marks.
- Paper 2: The teacher will read a test transcript and the children will fill in the 20 missing words in the answer booklet. The questions are worth a total of 20 marks.

# KS2 English reading test'

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- The test will consist of a reading booklet and a separate answer booklet.
- The children will have 1 hour to read 3 texts and to complete the answer booklet.
- There will be a mixture of genres of text and the least demanding text will come first with the following texts increasing in difficulty.
- The questions are worth a total of 50 marks.



# KS2 Mathematics test

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- Paper 1: The arithmetic test assesses basic mathematical calculations.

Children will have 30 minutes to complete the test. The paper will consist of 36 questions which are worth a total of 40 marks. The questions will cover straightforward addition and subtraction and more complex calculations with fractions. Long division and long multiplication will also be tested (these are worth 2 marks).

- Papers 2 and 3:

Reasoning: Pupils will have 40 minutes to complete each test. Each paper will be worth 35 marks. In some answers children will need to show their methods.



# Preparing for SATs in school.

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- Focused English and Maths lessons
- High expectations of all children
- Use of C.G.P. 'SATs Buster' books
- Practice of sample papers
- Familiarising the children with the different styles and formats of test questions
- Rehearse completing work in specified times
- Booster and intervention groups
- 1:1 meeting with child and parents

# KS2 Timetable May 2024



Date	
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May</b>	English Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Test Papers 1 and 2
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	English Reading
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mathematics: Paper 1 arithmetic test Mathematics: Paper 2 reasoning
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Mathematics: Paper 3 reasoning

# Additional Support

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- Extra support can be given to some children with special educational needs if it is deemed to be of benefit to them to achieve in the test.
- This support comes in different forms:
  - having a reader
  - having a scribe
  - modified tests
  - applying for extra time to complete the test
  - rest breaks

# What is teacher assessment?

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- Teachers are required to summarise their on-going teacher assessment at the end of KS2, for English (writing) and science.

# How well should my child do in these tests?

- By the end of KS2, all children in Year 6 are expected to meet the national expected standard as outlined in the National Curriculum.
- For the KS2 tests a scaled score of 100 will always represent the 'expected standard'.
- A pupil's scaled score will be based on their raw score. The raw score is the total number of marks given for each test. The pupil's raw score will be translated into a scaled score using a conversion table.
- Conversion tables for the 2024 tests will not be published until the beginning of July.
- Each child registered for the tests will receive: a raw score, a scaled score and confirmation of whether or not they attained the expected standard.

# Further help at home



## CGP Revision Guides.

'**Bundles**' for reading, SPAG and Maths are available for additional practice at home. ('Stretch' options for Maths and English)

Also, there are **study books** which explain terms, methods and expectations of knowledge – for Maths, English and Science

Please ensure orders are placed by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. Books will be delivered to school and we will distribute them.

Please pick up an order form\*

Now, if you would like to, have a look through some of the past papers.

Also, some CGP example books are available for you to look at.

- *We can advise you if your child needs the Stretch Boosters*

# Any questions?

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# How can parents help?



- Encourage children to be confident about their ability to do well.
- Playing is important - children should not be stopped from living their lives as normal during test week, however it is important they eat well and rest.
- Support your child in working through their homework. Also check out some on-line learning resources such as the BBC Bitesize site to help your child revise.
- Support your child with learning the Year 5 and 6 key words and times tables to 12x12 (hit the button app/ Times Tables Rock Stars). Do the Doodle Maths!
- When supporting homework or revision, encourage your children to always 'have a go' at the answer. Children can gain marks from showing a method even if the answer is incorrect.