

Key Stage 2 SATs Information for Parents

Since 2016, children in Year 2 and Year 6 have taken the new style of SATs papers. The new-style SATs for English and maths reflect the new national curriculum, and were designed to be more rigorous than previous years' tests.

At the end of Year 6, children sit tests in:

- **Reading**
- **Maths**
- **Spelling, punctuation and grammar**

These tests are both set and marked externally. Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

Key Stage 2 Reading

The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. Your child will have 1 hour, including reading time, to complete the test.

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.'

Key Stage 2 grammar, punctuation and spelling test

The grammar, punctuation and spelling test consists of two parts: a grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an aural spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.

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.'

Key Stage 2 maths

Children sit three papers in maths:

Paper 1: arithmetic, 30 minutes

Papers 2 and 3: reasoning, 40 minutes per paper

Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division.

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

Key Stage 2 science

Teacher assessment

Key Stage 2 writing

Children will produce a range of independent pieces of writing over the Spring Term and these pieces of writing will be assessed by their teachers and external moderators against the assessment criteria:

WTS = working towards expected standard

EXS = working at expected

GDS = working above the expected standard

Assessment and reporting:

You will be given your child's raw score (the actual number of marks they get), alongside their scaled score and whether they have reached the expected standard set by the Department for Education

The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is:

- 80 (the lowest scaled score that can be awarded)
- 80-99- working below the national expected standard
- 100- 110 working at the expected standard
- 111-120 suggests working at a greater depth

The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more. If a child is awarded a scaled score of 99 or less they won't have achieved the expected standard in the test.

When will KS2 SATs take place in 2022?

The Year 6 KS2 SATs will be administered in the week commencing 9 May 2022.

The SATs timetable runs as follows:

Monday

English GPS Paper 1: questions

English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling

Tuesday

English reading

Wednesday

Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic

Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning

Thursday

Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

Useful video to watch:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H2D1UI4pjE>