

KS1 SATS information for parents

Towards the end of Key Stage 1, year 2 children will take their SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). The SATS tests will happen in May and June. They will consist of a reading comprehension, grammar and spelling test for English and arithmetic and problem solving task in Maths. The tests are designed to support and confirm the on-going teacher assessment which happens throughout the year to track your child's progress and attainment. At the end of the year your child will be assessed as either **emerging** year 2, **secure** year 2 or **mastery** year 2.

What is tested and how can you help?

English

Spelling – Your child will be taught the statutory spelling rules for year 2. These rules will then be tested. There will be 20 spellings, which your child will need to complete in the test. It will take approximately 15 minutes.

To help your child with this at home it is important that you practice their spelling homework with them because these will be in line with the spelling rules that may come up in the test.

Grammar, punctuation and vocabulary - In this part of the test your child will be tested on their knowledge of nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, commas in a list, capital letters, full stops, exclamation marks, question marks, commands, statements, exclamations, questions, plurals, past and present tense, suffixes and prefixes. They will also be tested on their ability to write a sentence and their handwriting. There are two sections taking approximately 10 minutes each.

Reading comprehension – There are two papers and should take around 30 minutes each. The children will have a booklet containing a story and an information text and poetry. The children will read and answer questions about the text. The questions can either be tick box questions, one word answers or questions that require a longer sentence to answer the question.

You can help your child at home by reading with them regularly and asking them questions using the VIPER card, which was sent home earlier this year.

Maths – the test will ask questions covering all aspects of the year 2 curriculum. These include number, shape, measuring, simple fractions, data handling, and problem solving. Your child will not be able to use any equipment to help them in the arithmetic test. The children can ask the teacher to read the question to them.

The SATs Maths test will consist of 2 question booklets.

The arithmetic paper will take around 15 minutes and focus on the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times table, adding 2 digit numbers, fractions, division facts. Therefore it is important

that your child learns their times tables and can recall multiplication facts in any order, quickly.

The mathematic fluency, reasoning and problem solving paper will give the children questions which they will need to think about in order to get the answer. They will need to read the question carefully to work out what they need to do. (Approximately 35 minutes.)

Summary

- In school we make it clear that any test is nothing to worry about and we just want to see how fantastically they are doing.
- The tests are not strictly timed or on set dates.
- The teacher's judgement will determine the final mark your child will get.
- Continue to help your child with all homework that they get.
- Continue to read with your child regularly and ask questions about what they are reading.
- Continue to make sure your child is ready to learn and not tired.
- The Department for Education has produced some sample papers, which you can look through to see what kind of questions will be asked.

Websites

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1>
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7years/counting>
- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/games/educational/literacy.html>
- <https://mymaths.co.uk/> - all children should have a login for homework and games.

APPs

Some of the apps are free others have a small fee. All these are available from google play and i tunes.

- Mr.Thorne's Spellbook
- Collins Big Cat – Around The World
- Squeebles timestables

- Pirate Treasure Hunt
- Lego Super Heroes Movie Maker