

KS2 Statutory assessment *May* 2023

Information for parents

2023 SATS tests information for parents

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Test dates

Day	New Curriculum 2023 SATS
Tuesday 9 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10 May	English reading
Thursday 11 May	Mathematics Paper 1 : Arithmetic Mathematical Paper 2 : Reasoning
Friday 12 May	Mathematics Paper 3 : Reasoning

Maths tests

- ▶ Paper 1 is an arithmetic test
- ▶ The test will contain about 36 questions
- ▶ Time allowed is 30 minutes with a total of 40 marks
- ▶ The focus of the test is formal written calculation strategies as well as some mental calculations involving all 4 number operations, fractions, decimals and percentages.
- ▶ Squared grids are provided for layout
- ▶ Most questions have an allocation of 1 mark
- ▶ 2 mark questions have one mark for the correct strategy and another for the correct answer

Maths test (continued)

- ▶ Papers 2 and 3 are Reasoning papers
- ▶ These will have a problem solving and reasoning about maths element
- ▶ Problems vary in difficulty with some problems being multi-step to test deeper thinking (worth up to 3 marks per question)
- ▶ Each paper will have a time allowance of 40 minutes carrying 70 marks in total (35 marks for each reasoning paper)

English test - Reading

- ▶ The paper will contain 3 different texts which are not linked by theme
- ▶ The texts will get progressively more difficult throughout the test
- ▶ Time allowed is 1 hour
- ▶ Children are encouraged to read the first text, then answer the questions for that text and then move on to the next
- ▶ Questions will vary in difficulty with some where 'the target information is not strongly located in the question' and 'is not limited to one or two pieces.' So this means that the children will need to show deeper thinking and 'read between the lines' - using inference skills.
- ▶ Many questions are about word meaning e.g. Find and copy one word from the text which means.....
- ▶ There is a total of 50 marks for the reading paper

English test - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG)

- ▶ Paper 1 tests Grammar and Punctuation
- ▶ Children will be tested on their knowledge of grammatical rules and terminology
- ▶ The time allocation is 45 minutes with a total of 50 marks

- ▶ Paper 2 tests Spelling and carries a total of 20 marks.
- ▶ For this test, spellings are read out by the teacher in the context of a sentence from a transcript.
- ▶ This test will test knowledge of letter strings, pre-fixes and suffixes, homophones etc from the Year 5 and 6 spelling list as well as words from the Year 3 and 4 spelling list (these will therefore be a focus for homework tasks).

Assessment of writing

- ▶ This will be done using Teacher Assessment
- ▶ Teacher judgments will be moderated either externally or between schools in our local consortium
- ▶ This will be continuous assessment throughout the year so children will need to show development of a range of skills from the National Curriculum
- ▶ There is a high expectation for handwriting, planning, editing and improving, presentation and grammar skills
- ▶ Children must also have accurate spelling to achieve the expected standard. This means that they must be able to identify and correct their own spelling errors using a dictionary.

▶ Children will need to show a level of independence to achieve these skills across a range of pieces of writing.

Working at the expected standard

The pupil can:

- write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader (e.g. the use of the first person in a diary; direct address in instructions and persuasive writing)
- in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere
- integrate dialogue in narratives to convey character and advance the action
- select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires, doing this mostly appropriately (e.g. using contracted forms in dialogues in narrative; using passive verbs to affect how information is presented; using modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility)
- use a range of devices to build cohesion (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials of time and place, pronouns, synonyms) within and across paragraphs
- use verb tenses consistently and correctly throughout their writing
- use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 mostly correctly¹ (e.g. inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech)
- spell correctly most words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list,^{*} and use a dictionary to check the spelling of uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary
- maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed.²

How will the attainment be reported?

- ▶ Tests are measured as a 'Standardised Score' with 100 being the 'Expected' for the end of KS2
- ▶ A test will provide the Standards Testing Agency with a 'Raw Score' which will be converted to a 'Standardised Score' based on National averages
- ▶ A conversion graph will be used to get the standardised score
- ▶ Test scores will be reported on end of year reports to parents

Assessment

A standardised score of 100+ indicates working at the expected standard
A standardised score of 110+ is working at greater depth within the expected standard

Reading Test Score	100
Grammar Test Score	100
Writing (Teacher Assessment)	Working at the expected standard
Maths Test Score	100
Science (Teacher Assessment)	Working at the expected standard

What you can do to support your child at home?

- ▶ Ensure that all homework tasks (Spelling Shed and Maths booklets) are completed to a high standard
- ▶ Encourage daily reading and engage in discussions about the meaning of unfamiliar words, summarising the key points, using dictionaries to find out meaning, listen to your child read aloud for fluency and intonation.
- ▶ Practise mental maths skills on TT Rockstars with your child at home. Times tables and number bonds must be known fluently as the Government guidelines state that these children will be at an advantage in the Maths tests

Sample papers from previous tests

- ▶ Please see the link below to view some past papers
- ▶ <https://www.primarytools.co.uk/ks2-year-6-sats-papers/>