

Year 6 SATS

Monday 13th May-Thursday 16th May

The Key Stage 2 Tests

- SATs take place nationally in the week commencing 9th May 2018.
- Statutory tests will be administered in the following subjects:
 - Spelling (approximately 15 minutes)
 - Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar (45 minutes)
 - Reading (60 minutes)
 - Mathematics
 - - Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes)
 - - Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes)
 - - Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes)
- All tests are externally marked.
- Writing will be ‘Teacher Assessed’ internally.

Assessment and Reporting

- ‘Old’ national curriculum levels (e.g. Level 3, 4, 5) have now been abolished, as set out in the government guidelines.
- From 2016, test scores have been reported as ‘scaled scores’.
- If you have older children, who used the old system, you will find it is very difficult to compare their results.

Results

- In July 2019, each pupil will receive:
 - A raw score (number of raw marks awarded).
 - A scaled score in each tested subject.
 - Confirmation of whether or not they attained the national standard.

Higher Attaining Children

- In the past, additional higher level (Level 6) tests were produced for children who demonstrated higher than expected attainment.
- Now, there isn't a separate test for the most able children.
- Instead, each test will have scope for higher attaining pupils to show their strengths.

The SATs Timetable ...

Monday 13th May

Key stage 2 English grammar, punctuation and spelling tests:

- Paper 1, short answer questions.
- Paper 2, spelling.
- A Spelling test is administered containing 20 words, lasting approximately 15 minutes.
- A separate test is given on Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar
- This test lasts for 45 minutes and requires short answer questions, including some multiple choice.
- Marks for these two tests are added together to give a total for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.

Tuesday 14th May

Key stage 2 English reading test, reading booklet and associated answer booklet.

The Reading Test consists of a single test paper with three unrelated reading texts.

- Children are given 60 minutes in total, which includes reading the texts and answering the questions.
- A total of 50 marks are available.

Questions are designed to assess the comprehension and understanding of a child's reading.

- Some questions are multiple choice or selected response, others require short answers and some require an extended response or explanation.

Wednesday 15th May

Key stage 2 mathematics:

- Paper 1 arithmetic test.
- Paper 2 reasoning test.

The Mathematics tests have undergone the biggest change this year.

- Children will sit three tests: Paper 1, Paper 2 and Paper 3.
- Paper 1 is for ‘Arithmetic’ lasting for 30 minutes, covering calculation methods for all operations, including use of fractions, percentages and decimals.
- Questions gradually increase in difficulty.
- Papers 2 and 3 cover ‘Problem Solving and Reasoning’, each lasting for 40 minutes.
- Pupils will still require calculation skills but will need to answer questions in context and decide what is required to find a solution.

Thursday 16th May

Key stage 2 mathematics, Paper 3, reasoning.

- Papers 2 and 3 cover ‘Problem Solving and Reasoning’, each lasting for 40 minutes.
- Pupils will still require calculation skills but will need to answer questions in context and decide what is required to find a solution.

Writing

Writing will be assessed by the Year 6 teachers. There is not a written test for writing. There are three grades that can be awarded: Working Towards (expected level), Working At (expected level) and Working in Greater Depth.