Year 6 SATs

Monday 10th May-Thursday 13th May 2021

The Key Stage 2 Tests

- SATs take place nationally in the week commencing 10th May 2021.
- 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

- Test scores will be reported as ‘scaled scores’.
- Scaled scores range from 80-120.
- The “national average” is deemed to be a scaled score of 100.
- 110 is seen to be “greater depth”.

Results

- In July 2021, 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 10th 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.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1)

Example questions:

1 Tick the sentence that must end with a **question mark**.

Tick **one**.

- What I wanted had already sold out ☐
- Ask Ryan what he thinks about it ☐
- What time will the film start ☐
- I didn't know what to say ☐

6 Circle one verb in each underlined pair to complete the sentences using **Standard English**.

We **was / were** planning to hold a cake sale at school.

I **was / were** chosen to design the posters.

1 mark

23 Draw a line to match each word to its correct **antonym**.

Word	Antonym
meandering	confront
sympathetic	unfeeling
evade	unbelievable
plausible	straight

1 mark

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 2)

18. The grey clouds looked _____ in the sky.

19. Omar put the cutlery back in the _____.

20. Ellen's gold bracelet was her most treasured _____.

Spelling 19: The word is **drawer**.

Omar put the cutlery back in the **drawer.**

The word is **drawer**.

Spelling 20: The word is **possession**.

Ellen's gold bracelet was her most treasured **possession**.

The word is **possession**.

Tuesday 11th 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 is 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.

Reading

Example question, based on Text 1 – *Space Tourism*:

How would you get to your space hotel?

In the future there may be hotels in space for all the tourists. It wouldn't take long for the space shuttle to get out of the Earth's atmosphere. Then, without Earth's gravity, you would become weightless. Arrival at the hotel would be like an aeroplane parking at an airport, but you would leave the cabin floating along the access tube, holding on to a cable.

2 How would you get from the spacecraft to the space hotel?

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1 mark

Wednesday 13th May

Key stage 2 mathematics:

- Paper 1 arithmetic test
- Paper 2 reasoning test

- Children will sit three maths tests over 2 days: 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 covers ‘Problem Solving and Reasoning’ and lasts 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.

Example question:

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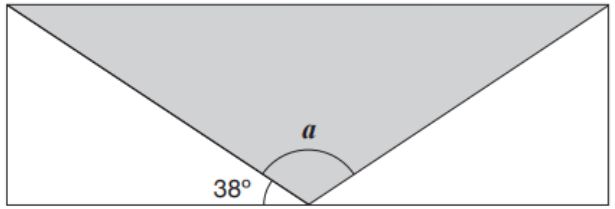
1 3 3 0 1 6

Show your method

2 marks

15 A shaded **isosceles** triangle is drawn inside a rectangle.



Not to scale

Calculate the size of angle a.

Show your method

a is °

2 marks

10 A bag of 5 lemons costs £1

A bag of 4 oranges costs £1.80

How much **more** does one orange cost than one lemon?

Show your method

2 marks

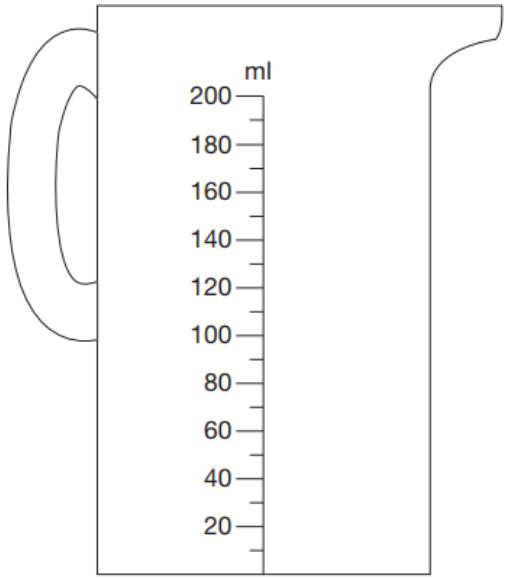
Thursday 14th May

KS2 mathematics, Paper 3, reasoning

- Papers 3 covers ‘Problem Solving and Reasoning’, and lasts 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.

5 Chen pours 165 millilitres of milk into a measuring jug.

Draw an arrow on the jug to show the level of the milk.



1 mark

7 Write the number 53,148 in **words**.

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1 mark

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.

Remember this about SATs …

SATs focus on what they know about Maths and English

They won’t reflect how talented they are at Science, Geography, Art or PE, and they certainly won’t highlight positive personal characteristics such as kindness and integrity.

SATs results don’t always tell the whole story

The results will say they DID or DIDN’T meet a certain standard, but not necessarily by what margin. Additionally, the thresholds tend to change each year according to overall national performance, so what was classed as ‘did meet the expected standard’ in 2021 may have been considered a ‘did not’ in 2019. Your school may be able to provide you with more detailed feedback, so don’t let your child see SATs as a simple case of ‘pass’ or ‘fail’.

SATs last for one week

In reality, it’s just one or two papers lasting 30-60 minutes each day. We can’t emphasise enough the importance of keeping that in perspective.