



KS1 SATs May 2022

Information for Parents

Key Assessment Changes

- Due to the pandemic for the past two academic years there has been no national SATs.
- It has been announced that SATs will run as normal this academic year.

Assessment and Reporting

- Test scores will be reported as 'scaled scores'.
- Your child will be judged to be working towards , at or at greater depth.

Tests

- At the end of Year 2, children will take assessments in:
 - Reading
 - Maths
 - GPS - grammar, punctuation and spelling

The tests are due to take place in May of each year.

Reading

- The Reading Test consists of two separate papers:
 - Paper 1 - Contains a selection of texts totalling between 400 and 700 words with questions about the text.
 - Paper 2 - Contains a reading booklet of a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children will write their answers to questions about the passage in a separate booklet.
- Each paper should take approximately 30 minutes to complete, although the children are not being assessed at working at speed so will not be strictly timed.
- The texts will cover a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction.
- 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.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

- The test will have two separate papers.
 - Paper 1: spelling test
 - Paper 2: questions on punctuation and grammar

Writing

- There is no writing paper, however children's writing will be assessed by their teacher. Assessment is based on a bank of work that will consist of a range of genres.

Maths

- Children will sit two tests: Paper 1 and Paper 2:
- Paper 1 is for arithmetic, lasting approximately 25 minutes and worth 25 marks. It covers calculation methods for all operations.
- Paper 2 covers problem solving, reasoning and mathematical fluency, lasts for approximately 35 minutes and is worth 35 marks.
- Pupils will still require calculation skills and questions will be varied including multiple choice, matching, true/false, completing a chart or table or drawing a shape. Some questions will also require children to show or explain their working out.

Teacher Assessment Framework

- TAF is national objectives that children have to meet.
- SATs scaled score is then combined with teacher assessment to form the final judgement from KS1.
- For children to achieve the standard they have to obtain all the statements within that standard.

How to Help

- Always reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and that they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!
- Good attendance.
- Support your child with any homework tasks.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) are always good to practise.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what book(s) they are reading (the character, the plot, their opinion).
- Make sure your child has a good sleep and healthy breakfast every morning to give them the best possible start to the day.

How to Help Your Child with Reading

Listening to your child read can take many forms:

- Develop an enjoyment and love of reading.
- Enjoy stories together - reading stories to your child is equally as important as listening to your child read.
- Talk about the story before, during and afterwards - discuss the plot, the characters, their feelings and actions, how it makes you feel, predict what will happen and encourage your child to have their own opinions.
- Look up definitions of words together - you could use a dictionary, the internet or an app on a phone or tablet.
- Visit the local library - it's free.

How to Help Your Child with Writing

- Practise and learn weekly spellings.
- Encourage opportunities for writing, such as letters to family or friends, shopping lists, notes or reminders, stories or poems.
- Write together - be a good role model for writing.
- Encourage use of a dictionary to check spelling.
- Remember that good readers become good writers. Identify good writing features when reading (e.g. vocabulary, sentence structure, punctuation).

How to Help Your Child with Maths

- Play times tables games.
- Play mental maths games including counting in different amounts, forwards and backwards.
- Encourage opportunities for telling the time.
- Encourage opportunities for counting coins and money e.g. finding amounts or calculating change when shopping.
- Look for numbers on street signs, car registrations and anywhere else.
- Look for examples of 2D and 3D shapes around the home.
- Identify, weigh or measure quantities and amounts in the kitchen or in recipes.
- Play games involving numbers or logic, such as dominoes or card games.

Any questions?