

End of KS1 SATs (Year 2)

Dear parents/carers of Year 2,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide more details surrounding the structure and procedures of the KS1 SATs process. SATs can seem like a daunting part of your child's education, but if you know what to expect, they don't need to be scary for you or your child.

What are KS1 SATs?

The KS1 SATs take place towards the end of Year 2 (May) and provide evidence of how your child has made academic progress during this Key Stage. The assessment framework is made up of 6 papers;

- 2x Reading papers
- 2x Mathematics papers
- 2x Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar papers (this has been optional in the past)

There is no set time for the children to complete each paper (suggested times outlined below) and the children may be given breaks if required.

Reading: In these papers the children will be required to read a text and answer a range of questions. These include, short answers, multiple choice, sequencing and extended writing questions.

Paper 1: children are given a booklet that contains a selection of short texts to read (between 400 and 700 words). There are questions to answer at various points within each text with space for children to write their answers. The test lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Paper 2: children are given a booklet of longer texts (between 800 and 1100 words) and questions in a separate answer booklet. The test lasts approximately 40 minutes.

Mathematics:

Arithmetic paper: children answer 25 context-free questions to test their fluency with number and calculation skills. They may not number apparatus to help them. In the test booklet, space is provided for children to use for working out, but they should write their answers in the answer box. The test will last approximately 20 minutes.

Reasoning paper: children answer questions to test their understanding of number, measures, geometry and statistics. I will read the first 5 questions and the children must listen and write their answer in their booklet. After this children have approximately 30 minutes to read and answer the remaining questions in the booklet.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG):

Paper 1 – Spelling: children are given an answer booklet containing 20 sentences with a missing word in each sentence. For each sentence, I will read aloud the missing word, then the whole sentence, and then the missing word again. Children must spell the missing word correctly, including any necessary capital letters or apostrophes, to gain a mark. The test will last approximately 15 minutes.

Paper 2 – Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary: children are given a booklet containing various questions that assess their understanding of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary. The test will last approximately 20 minutes.

How are SATs marked?

At Key Stage 1, SATs papers will be marked by myself as the class teacher. The mark your child gets in each test is called the 'raw score' (out of 40 for Reading, out of 60 for Mathematics, out of 40 for Grammar, punctuation and spelling). This 'raw score' for each test will be translated into a 'scaled score', which will show how well your child has done against the expected standard. Children need to achieve a scaled score of 100 to meet the expected standard. Above 100 means they are exceeding the expected standard; below 100 means they are still working towards the expected standard. **However**, KS1 SATs are now teacher assessed; this means that the progression made and knowledge shown throughout the year will be also used by myself to provide an overall level which truly reflects your child's attainment.

SATs Support:

Throughout the year we will obviously be introducing the children the SATs format and working towards completing these assessments – however any additional practice at home will really benefit your child. The table below contains a range of materials to support you and your child towards SATs success.

Example Papers	We will be completing these on a Monday in the next half term. The children will also be completing a writing task every Thursday with Mrs Morgan that will provide us with pieces of independent writing which we will then moderate for the final end of year level. https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#key-stage-1-past-papers
Reading	Fun learning ideas for 7-year-olds - https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/learning-activities-age-7/ Free eBook library - https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/ Activity books - https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/bookshop/progress-with-oxford/ https://collins.co.uk/collections/collins-ks1-sats-practice Read regularly and talk about what they have read and heard
Mathematics	Purple Mash have lots of Maths activities and games. Oxford owl maths - https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/maths/ Maths Games - https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=16&AgeGroup=2 Activity books - https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/bookshop/progress-with-oxford/ https://collins.co.uk/collections/collins-ks1-sats-practice Practice multiples
SPaG	Purple Mash have lots of SPaG activities and games. Activity books - https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/bookshop/progress-with-oxford/ https://collins.co.uk/collections/collins-ks1-sats-practice Regularly read with your child. Take it in turns to read.

Phonics Screening Check:

Please note that the children who did not pass the phonic screening test in year one will have to resit in June. Please support your child by completing a daily sound check using the speed sounds that can be found in the planner.

I hope this information is of use. I know that the children will all do great this year with their SATs and Phonics Screening Check but continued support outside of school will really help them to excel this year.

Kind regards,

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