

Dear Parents,

We are approaching the assessment period for our Y2 children and it is so important that your child attends school every day during this half-term. Please take a few minutes to read this guide to the Y2 SATs.

KS1 SATs – Parent Guide 2023

May is the month in the school year when our Y2 children are assessed in English and Maths. The tests help inform the teachers' judgements as to whether or not a child is working at the expected level for their age.

What are SATs?

Statutory Assessment Tests are a series of Maths and English assessments, carried out in Years 2 and 6 during your child's primary education.



Key Stage 1 Reading

The reading test for Y2 is made up of two separate papers:

Paper 1 is a selection of texts totalling 400 to 700 words, questions interspersed.

Paper 2 is a reading booklet with a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words.

Children write their answers in a separate booklet.

Each paper should take around 30 minutes, but children are not strictly timed, as the tests are not intended to assess children's ability to work at speed.

The texts in the reading papers cover fiction, non-fiction and poetry, and get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test.

Teachers have the option to stop the test at any point that they feel is appropriate for a particular child.

KS1 grammar, spelling and punctuation

Children taking KS1 SATs may also sit two separate papers in grammar, spelling and punctuation:

Paper 1: a 20-word spelling test taking approximately 15 minutes and worth 20 marks.

Paper 2: a grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test, in two sections of around 10 minutes each (with a break between, if necessary), worth 20 marks. This will involve a mixture of selecting the right answers (for example through multiple choice), and writing short answers. The KS1 SPAG test is optional; schools can choose whether to do it.



KS1 Maths

The Y2 maths test is made up of two papers:

Paper 1 (arithmetic, worth 25 marks and taking around 15 minutes)

Paper 2 (problem-solving and reasoning, worth 35 marks and taking 35 minutes, with a break if necessary). Question types include multiple choice.

Science and other primary subjects

Other national curriculum subjects (including English writing, science, computing), will be assessed by your child's teacher based on their work throughout the year.

How are SATs marked?

Y2 SATs are marked by teachers within your child's school. Pupils are given a scaled score. A score of 100 means a child is working at the expected standard. A score below 100 indicates that a child needs more support. The maximum score possible is 115; the minimum is 85. Assessments from teachers are also used to build up a picture of your child's learning and achievements.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Kind regards,

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