



KS1 SATs Assessment

**Parent and Carer
Information Sheet**

Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Assessments

Government guidelines require us to submit information about the children's attainment at the end of Key Stage 1 (Year 2). Children are assessed against a national standard and are described as working towards the standard, working at the standard or working at greater depth within the standard according to the Year 2 expectations of the curriculum.

The SAT Assessments

To support us in making our judgments, during the summer term in Year 2, children will take part in SAT assessments in:

- Reading
- Maths
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

All assessments are due to take place throughout May this year.

Reading

The Reading Test consists of two separate papers:

- Paper 1 – consists of a combined reading prompt and answer booklet. The paper includes a list of useful words and some practice questions for teachers to use to introduce the contexts and question types to pupils. The test takes approximately 30 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed.
- Paper 2 – consists of an answer booklet and a separate reading booklet. There are no practice questions on this paper. Teachers can use their discretion to stop the test early if a pupil is struggling. The test takes approximately 40 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed.

The texts will cover a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction.

How to Help Your Child with Reading

- Listening to your child read can take many forms:
- First and foremost, focus on developing an enjoyment and love of reading.
- Enjoy stories together – reading stories to your child is equally as important as listening to your child read.
- Read a little at a time but often, rather than rarely but for long periods of time!
- 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.
- All reading is valuable – it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything from fiction and non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programs, TV guides, menus and road signs etc.
- Visit the local library - it's free!

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

The test consists of two separate papers:

- Paper 1: Spelling - pupils to spell a missing word from 20 sentences as dictated by the teacher. The test is expected to take approximately 15 minutes to complete, but is not strictly timed. These words follow the Key Stage 1 spelling rules as outlined in the National Curriculum.
- Paper 2: Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary - a combined question and answer booklet focusing on pupils' knowledge of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary. Pupils will have approximately 20 minutes to complete the questions in the test paper, but it is not strictly timed.

Help Your Child with Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

- Practice and learn weekly spelling lists – make it fun!
- 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 or the internet to check spelling.
- Allow your child to use a computer for word processing, which will allow for editing and correcting of errors without lots of crossing out.
- Remember that good readers become good writers! Identify good writing features when reading (e.g. vocabulary, sentence structure, punctuation).
- Show your appreciation: praise and encourage, even for small successes!

Mathematics

Children will sit two assessments:

Paper 1: Arithmetic - lasts approximately 20 minutes (not strictly timed). It covers calculation methods for all operations (addition, subtraction, division, multiplication and fractions).

Paper 2: Reasoning - lasts for approximately 35 minutes, which includes time for five aural questions. 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.

How to Help Your Child with Maths

- Play times tables games, including Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS).
- 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, card games, draughts, chess etc.

How to Help Your Child- General Advice

Important notice

No-one in school will be mentioning the words 'test' or 'exam' to the children. The children should not be aware that they are partaking in the SATs tests as they will be administered through normal classroom practice, either in small groups or as a whole class with a familiar teacher. We want to ensure that the children are not put under any unnecessary pressure or stress during the test period. The children are used to completing assessment 'quizzes' throughout the year as part of our own teacher assessments, and the SATs will be no different.

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and that they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) are always good to practice.
- 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 day!
- Check your child's class Twitter page, Tapestry and their class page on our school website for extra information about what your child is learning and links to resources to support your child at home.

For more details and information on the KS1 SATs please visit the following video link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVlrdqh_J6Y which explains the test structure and individual papers in more detail.

You can access past papers online here: <https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/ks1-sats-papers/>