

KS1 ASSESSMENTS

SAT's have been overhauled in both KS1 and KS2 to reflect the changes to the National Curriculum, which was introduced from September 2014

In Term 5 of Year 2 your child will take SAT's in Reading English grammar, punctuation and spelling Maths



READING

The new reading test for Year 2 pupils will involve two separate papers:

Paper 1 consists of a selection of texts totalling 400 to 700 words, with questions interspersed

Paper 2 comprises a reading booklet of a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children will be required to write their answers in a separate booklet for this paper.

Each paper is worth 50 per cent of the marks, and should take around 30 minutes, but children will not be strictly timed, as the tests are not intended to assess children's ability to work at speed. The texts in the reading papers will cover a range of fiction, nonfiction and poetry, and will get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test. Teachers will have the option to stop the test at any point that they feel is appropriate for a particular child.

There will be a variety of question types:

Multiple choice

Ranking/ordering, e.g. 'Number the events below to show in which order they happened in the story'

Matching, e.g. 'Match the character to the job that they do in the story'

Labelling, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title'

Find and copy, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that shows what the weather was like in the story'

Short answer, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'

Open-ended answer, e.g. 'Why did Lucy write the letter to her grandmother? Give two reasons'

GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING

Children taking Key Stage 1 SAT's will be taking 3 separate tests to cover this part of the assessment.

Paper 1

Children will complete a grammar and punctuation written task, taking approximately 20 minutes, and worth 15 marks. Children will be provided with a prompt and stimulus for a short piece of writing, with a clear text type, audience and purpose.

Handwriting will be worth four per cent of the marks.

Paper 2

Children will complete 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 e.g. through multiple choice, and writing short answers.

Paper 3

Children will complete a 20-word spelling test taking approximately 15 minutes and worth 10 marks.



MATHS

The new Maths tests for Year 2 pupils will involve sitting 2 test papers

Paper 1 tests arithmetic. The paper should be worth 25 points and the children will be allowed 30 minutes to answer what they can. As with all of the other papers it gets progressively harder.

Paper 2 tests mathematical fluency, problem-solving and reasoning. There will be a variety of question types: multiple choice, matching, true/false, constrained (e.g. completing a chart or table; drawing a shape) and less constrained (e.g. where children have to show or explain their method). The children will be allowed 35 minutes to answer what they can and should be worth 35 point.

The children are not able to use calculators, 100 squares or number lines to help them!!!

Maths trial – As a school we have been selected to take part in the End Of Key Stage 1 test trial. This means we will be sitting our Maths papers early.