

KS2 SATs



What are SATs?

SATs are a series of maths and English assessments, carried out at the end of KS1 (Year 2) and KS2 (Year 6). They consist of tests for Reading, Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Maths.

When will the tests take place?

KS2 SATs will be taking place from the 9th May 2022. We ask that you do not book any holidays during this time and the children are in school for the duration of the week.

What will the tests look like?

Reading

The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. **Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.**

There will be a selection of question types, including:

- **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- **Labelling**, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- **Find and copy**, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- **Short constructed response**, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- **Open-ended response**, e.g. 'Look at the sentence that begins *Once upon a time*. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.'

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

Usually, the GPS test consists of two parts: a **grammar and punctuation paper** requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an **aural spelling test of 20 words**, lasting around 15 minutes.

The GPS test includes two sub-types of questions:

- **Selected response**, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives in the sentence below'
- **Constructed response**, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

Maths

Children sit three papers in maths:

- Paper 1: **arithmetic**, 30 minutes
- Papers 2 and 3: **reasoning**, 40 minutes per paper

Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of question types, including:

- Multiple choice
- True or false
- Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or completing a table or chart
- Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem

How will SATs be marked?

Instead of national curriculum levels, children are given scaled scores. The scaled scores for the KS2 test range between 80 (the lowest possible scaled score) and 120 (the highest possible scaled score). The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more. The Department for Education expects at least 65 per cent of Y6 children to reach the expected standard.

How can I help my child prepare for their SATs?

In school, we have been working hard to make sure all children are prepared and ready to take their SATs in May. Although we do cover a lot during the school day, your child will greatly benefit from accessing revision materials at home for each of the different SATs papers.

Here are some examples of ways which you can help:

- Encourage children to complete homework, learn spellings and to access Bug Club weekly
- Read, read, read (important for reasoning too)
- Encourage children to explain and use the strategies they have been taught at school e.g. underlining key information in a question
- Read the questions to children if required (unless it is a reading comprehension)
- Test your child on their times tables - rapid recall and using TT Rockstars
- Encourage maths comprehension during homework
- Balance - time to work, rest and play!



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