

Information about Year 6 SATs

Monday 11th May 2020 - Friday 15th May 2020

Assessing children in Year 6:

- Both the children's SATs results and Teacher assessment get reported.
- SATs tests are designed to test pupil's knowledge and understanding of work covered from Year 3 to Year 6 (KS2). They provide a snapshot of the children's attainment in English and Maths at the end of the key stage.
- Teacher assessment is ongoing throughout the year and covers what is seen on a day to day basis in lessons - written work, discussions and observations. Teacher assessment is given for English and Maths.
- Pupils will take tests in English (reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling) and Maths.
- There is no test for writing - it is based on teacher assessment gathered throughout the year.

The SATs Tests Scoring System:

- Children will be given a raw score (number of marks they achieved) and this will be converted into a scaled score.
- A scaled score of 100 will represent the national standard
- A scaled score below 100 means the child has not demonstrated sufficient knowledge to be awarded the national standard in that test
- A scaled score above 100 means the child the child has exceeded the national standard in that test
- A scaled score of above 110 means the child has demonstrated a greater depth of understanding

The SATs Tests:

- The English Tests consist of:
 - A 60 min reading test - looking at comprehension, deduction and inference (this is a change from previous years)
 - A 60 min long Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test (Grammar and Punctuation is 45 mins and spelling is 15 mins) - looking at punctuation, sentence types, word classes, Standard English, agreement, tense, vocabulary and spelling.

- The Maths Tests consists of:
 - Paper 1 - 30 minutes on Arithmetic questions (calculations, fractions, decimals and percentages)
 - Paper 2 - 40 minutes on problem solving and reasoning questions
 - Paper 3 - 40 minutes on problem solving and reasoning questions

The Test Timetable:

- Specific days are allocated for each test - we have to do the tests on these days and the children have to sit them at the same time.
 - Monday 11th - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Tests
 - Tuesday 12th - Reading Test
 - Wednesday 13th - Maths Papers 1 and 2
 - Thursday 14th - Maths Papers 3

Writing

- Writing is teacher assessed and evidence is built throughout the year, especially written work produced in Terms 4 and 5. Children are expected to demonstrate the required skills and techniques across a range of pieces of work.
- Children will be awarded a level of 'Working Towards the Expected Standard', 'Working At the Expected Standard' or 'Working at Greater Depth within the Expected Standard'. Children have to demonstrate ALL criteria in each level to be awarded that standard.
- The criteria focus on sentence structure, punctuation, grammatical sense/skills, spelling and handwriting.

SATs Week:

- Please make every effort to ensure your child is present and on time during SATS week.
- If your child is ill, every effort should be made for them to come to school to complete the paper as if they miss one or more paper in a subject they will NOT be awarded a test level for that subject. They have to complete all components to receive an overall level.
- If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact as soon as possible so we can make additional arrangements.
- In case of unforeseen injuries or circumstances please let us know as soon as possible so we can make arrangements for your child to complete the papers.

Assistance during the tests:

- Children can be allowed readers, scribes or additional time. This is subject to strict guidance and will be discussed as necessary with individual parents.
- We will try and split the children into smaller groups, some children may have 1:1 support, so they may feel less intimidated and more able to ask questions.
- We can allow the children rest breaks if the children require it although the children cannot exceed the time allowed for the tests (the clock is stopped) and they are not allowed to have the opportunity to meet with or discuss the tests with other children.
- All instructions are read to the children. In the Maths and SPaG tests, the children can ask for words or phrase to be read to them, although they are not explained.
- We will provide all the necessary equipment for the Maths Tests.

Marking of the tests:

- All tests are going to be sent off to external markers
- The marked tests and results will be returned to schools on 7th July 2020.

Reporting to Parents:

- Teacher assessment and SATs test results will also be sent out after they have been validated. There may be some differences as TA is based on the evidence demonstrated by your child throughout Year 6 while the test mark only takes into account what was demonstrated during the test.
- Each pupil will receive a raw score, a scaled score and confirmation of whether they have achieved the National Standard
- Your child will receive TA and SATs levels for Maths and Reading. A TA Writing level and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling level will also be reported.

Booster Sessions:

- The children are beginning their Booster Sessions. Additional intervention programmes will continue to run as normal.
- During Booster we will be revisiting key skills and knowledge and giving the children the opportunity to visit sample questions, explore exam technique and recap key vocabulary. The children will not be required to sit more SATs tests.
- Please continue to support and encourage your child as normal.

- Your child is expected to participate fully in these sessions - they are a little more intense than normal Maths and English lessons because of the pace and range of subjects covered. We try to revise as many aspects as we can.
- Children are encouraged to ask any questions they have so we can try and address them as soon as possible in the smaller groups.
- The rest of the timetable remains the same so the children still receive a varied curriculum.

During SATs week:

- Ensure that your child gets plenty of sleep.
- Encourage your children to bring a snack and a drink every day.
- Make sure they have breakfast - we will be running a breakfast club during SATs week, more details will follow.
- Let your child continue with their extra-curricular activities as they wish.
- And most importantly, encourage them not to feel worried about the SATs - just try their best.