

29th April 2022

SATs Information for Year 6 Parents

Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter supports the SATs information meeting we held on Monday 25th April.

At the end of **Year 6**, children sit tests in the following subjects: reading, maths and spelling, punctuation and grammar. These tests are both set and marked externally, and the results are used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables).

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

The grammar, punctuation and spelling 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 grammar and punctuation test will include 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

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

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Monday 9th May 2022	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Tuesday 10th May 2022	English reading
Wednesday 11th May 2022	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 12th May 2022	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

You will receive your child's results as a scaled score which indicates whether they have reached the expected standard set by the Department for Education. The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is:

80 (the lowest scaled score that can be awarded)

120 (the highest scaled score)

The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more. If a child is awarded a scaled score of 99 or less they won't have achieved the expected standard in the test.

Keeping SATs in perspective:

Please reassure your child that you'll be proud of them however they do. Explain to them that their SATs results are only a small part of their time at school, and an even smaller part of their whole life, so as long as they tried their hardest, you're happy.

Explain to your child that SATs only focus on specific subjects. If they have a passion for a subject or two that isn't tested, then the results don't showcase their overall ability.

Ensure your child is eating well, sleeping properly and keeping active during the SATs period. Establish a routine of going to bed at a reasonable time, making sure they are eating a balanced diet and building in time for them to have some fun and get enough exercise.

The children have been brilliant this year and we are immensely proud of their achievements in all areas of the curriculum.

If you have any questions regarding SATs, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Dickenson