

# Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Assessments

Information and Guidance on the Changes and Expectations for 2017/18



# Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Assessment Changes

- In 2014 /15 children in years 1, 3, 4 and 5 started working from the new curriculum.
- In 2015 /16 children in all years at Key Stage 1 and 2 are expected to now study the new national curriculum.
- In 2016 new KS1 (Year 2) and KS2 SATs (Year 6) assessment were introduced.
- KS1 (Year 2) and KS2 SATs (Year 6) will reflect the new curriculum for the third time this year.

# Assessment and Reporting

- 'Old' national curriculum levels (e.g. Level 3, 4, 5) have now been abolished, as set out in the government guidelines.
- Since 2016, test scores have been reported as 'scaled scores'.
- Your child will be taught with the highest expectations and cover all required elements of the curriculum, similar to previous years.
- In KS1 teacher assessment is still the focus and we will work from the Interim Assessment Framework to assess the children at the end of the year.
- The KS1 SATs form part of the assessment and we use a range of evidence including books and assessments completed during the year to get a whole picture of the child.

# Scaled Scores

What is meant by 'scaled scores'?

- It is planned that 100 will always represent the 'national standard'.
- Each pupil's raw test score will therefore be converted into a score on the scale, either at, above or below 100.
- The scale will have a lower end point somewhere below 100 and an upper end point above 100.
- A child who achieves the 'national standard' (a score of 100) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests.

# Scaled Score Examples

On publication of the test results in June 2018:

- A child awarded a scaled score of 100 is judged to have met the 'national standard' in the area judged by the test.
- A child awarded a scaled score of more than 100 is judged to be working at greater depth and have demonstrated a higher than expected knowledge of the curriculum for their age.
- A child awarded a scaled score of less than 100 is judged to be working towards the national standard and has performed below expectation for their age.
- Marking guidance for KS1 tests will include conversion tables. Teachers will use these to translate pupil's raw scores into scaled scores to see whether each pupil has met the national standard. Teachers will use the scaled scores to inform their teacher assessment judgements.

# The Tests

At the end of Year 2, children will take assessments in:

- Reading;
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling;
- Maths.

The tests are due to take place in *May* of each year.

Writing assessments are made on ongoing work in children's books. Grammar, punctuation and spelling test results are used to inform the writing judgement.

# Reading

The Reading Test consists of two separate papers:

- Paper 1 – Contains a selection of texts totalling between 400 and 700 words with questions about the text.
- Paper 2 – Contains a reading booklet of a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children will write their answers to questions about the passage in a separate booklet.
- Each paper is worth 50% of the marks and should take approximately 30 minutes to complete, although the children are not being assessed at working at speed so will not be strictly timed.
- The texts will cover a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction.
- Questions are designed to assess the comprehension and understanding of a child's reading.
- Some questions are multiple choice or selected response, others require short answers and some require an extended response or explanation.

# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

The test consists of two separate papers:

- Paper 1: spelling (20 marks).
- Paper 2: questions (20 marks).



# Sample Questions

## Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary Paper

Year 2 English Grammar and Punctuation Test 1

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4. Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

I really don't like washing my face \_\_\_\_\_ I have to do it.

Tick **one**.

or

and

but

2


1 mark

# Sample Questions

## Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper

9. **Draw lines** to match the groups of words that have the same meaning.  
One has been done for you

I will	it's
you have	I'll
it is	didn't
did not	you've



1 mark

# Mathematics

Children will sit two tests: Paper 1 and Paper 2:

- Paper 1 is for arithmetic, lasting approximately 25 minutes and worth 25 marks. It covers calculation methods for all operations.
- Paper 2 covers problem solving, reasoning and mathematical fluency, lasts for approximately 35 minutes and is worth 35 marks.
- 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.

# Sample Questions

## Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic

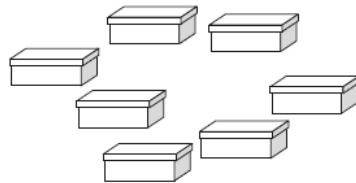
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16	$12 \div 2 =$ <input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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# Sample Questions

## Maths Paper 2: Reasoning

7



Sita puts 2 shoes in each of these boxes.

How many shoes are there altogether?

 shoes

8 Complete the table.

words	digits
thirty-eight	38
	40
ninety-four	

# How to Help Your Child

- 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! We will aim for you children not to be aware that they are taking SATs.
- 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 practise.
- 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 morning!

# How to Help Your Child with Reading

Listening to your child read can take many forms:

- First and foremost, focus 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 programmes, TV guides.
- Visit the local library - it's free!

# How to Help Your Child with Writing

- Practise 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 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!



# How to Help Your Child with Maths

- Play times tables games.
- 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 or chess.

Any questions?