



Standard Assessment Tests - SATS

A guide for families

In the Summer Term during the month of May children at the end of Key Stage One (Year 2 children) will sit SATs assessments. Children are not made aware that they are doing a 'test' or made to feel anxious leading up to the assessments or on the day of administration. The SATS assessments will consist of:

- English Reading
- English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
- Mathematics

English Reading SAT:

The reading assessment for Year 2 pupils will involve two separate papers carried out on different days:

- Paper 1 consists of a selection of texts with questions interspersed
- Paper 2 comprises a reading booklet of a selection of passages. Children will write their answers in a separate booklet

Each paper should take approximately 30 minutes, but children will not be strictly timed, as the assessments are not intended to assess children's ability to work at speed. The texts in the reading papers will cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, and will get progressively more difficult towards the end of the paper. Teachers will have the option to stop the assessment 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 Jenny write the letter to her grandmother? Give two reasons'

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling:

Children taking Key Stage 1 SATs will sit two separate papers in grammar, spelling and punctuation:

- Paper 1: a 20-word spelling assessment.
- Paper 2: a grammar, punctuation and vocabulary assessment, in two sections of around 10 minutes each (with a break between, if necessary). This will involve a mixture of selecting the right answers e.g. through multiple choice, and writing short answers.

Mathematic tests:

The Key Stage 1 maths assessments will comprise two papers:

- Paper 1: arithmetic.
- Paper 2: 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).

Children will not be able to use any tools such as calculators, number lines, counters or base 10 equipment.



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How will the assessment papers be marked?

Although the assessments are set externally they will be marked by the Year 2 Class Teacher and moderated in school. The scores will not be shared with parents, instead, parents will be informed in their child's school report whether their child met the expected standard for Year 2. The scores from the SAT assessment papers are used to support yearly ongoing Teacher Assessment.

Concerns / Queries

If you are concerned or have any questions regarding the SATS assessments. Please feel free to contact the Year 2 Class Teacher directly through SeeSaw or via the school office.