

## KS1 SATS

### What are SATs for?

SATs help teachers – and you – learn more about your child's strengths and areas to develop. Teachers can compare how well each child is doing with their peers, both in their school and across the country.

**When are they held:** During May

### What do the tests involve?

Children will complete the tests in small groups with a familiar adult to support. This means they won't all be taking the tests at the same time.

Reading: 1 or 2 papers (about 30 minutes, each worth 50%)  
Paper 1 – range of texts (totalling 400 – 700 words), questions as they go along  
Paper 2 – a reading booklet with a selection of texts (totalling 800 – 1100 words).  
Children write their answers in a separate booklet.

Maths: 2 papers – everyone completes both (Paper 1 - about 15mins, Paper 2 - 35 mins)  
Paper 1 – Arithmetic (worth 15 marks)  
Paper 2 – Reasoning (worth 35 marks)

### Writing

There is not a test for writing. Instead, a number of pieces of writing across a variety of styles are assessed and an overall judgement awarded. This is then moderated by St Mark's staff and other CDAT school's to ensure that the levels awarded are accurate.

### What has been happening to help your child to date?

#### LOW KEY

We have done some tests using past papers as practice papers so your child can practise the kind of questions they may need to answer during the test to help them feel more comfortable with the test. We use similar style questions to practise their learning in lessons, again, so they are more familiar with the format questions may take.

### What level should they reach in their SATs?

There is a national standard that children are expected to reach which is set by the Department of Education.

**HOWEVER**, the test score isn't the only measure used to assess your child. What they do in the classroom is also taken into account.

### How can you help your child?

Some children can become stressed over tests but they **don't** involve a pass or fail, they just reflect how well the child has understood what they've been learning. The more relaxed you are, the better your child will be able to tackle the test so **please** don't make a big thing of it at home. Your child has completed tests in school previously so it won't feel much different.

### SATs jargon!

**SATs** - Standard Assessment Tests

**National curriculum tests** - The real name for SATs

**Raw score** – actual number of marks scored

**Scaled score** – a converted score to allow comparison of overall SATs scores from across years

**National standard** – level that children are expected to reach (scaled score of 100)

**Age-standardised score** – the system used to compare children born in the same month