



Information for parents

2018 National Curriculum Tests: Key Stages 1 and 2

Key Stage 1 – Year 2 Children

For children in Year 2, your Teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is working at in English, Maths and Science by the end of Key Stage 1. To help inform those judgements, pupils will sit National Curriculum Tests in English and Maths, commonly known as SATs. They will also sit a test in English (grammar, punctuation and spelling).

The tests are a tool to help Teachers measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into Key Stage 2. They also allow Teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards.

The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even realise they are being tested as we will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Subject	Test paper
English reading	Short text and questions Long text with separate questions
Mathematics	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning
English grammar, punctuation and spelling (optional test)	Spelling Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of Key Stage 1.

The Teacher Assessments will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.

How can you help your child to prepare?

There's nothing specifically test-related that you should do to prepare your child - you should just follow the general advice teachers give about supporting your child's education throughout the year.

What do the tests look like?

You can look at past papers by clicking [here](#) if you are viewing this document online, or by searching www.gov.uk/STA.

Key Stage 2 – Year 6 pupils

If you have a child in Year 6, at the end of Key Stage 2 they will take National Curriculum Tests, commonly known as SATs, in English (reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling), and Mathematics.

The tests help to measure the progress pupils have made, and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce National Performance Data.

The Key Stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates, unless your child is absent in which case they may be able to take them up to 5 school days afterwards.

Date	Subject	Test paper
Monday 14 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Paper 1: Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary) Paper 2: Spelling
Tuesday 15 May	English reading	English Reading Paper
Wednesday 16 May	Mathematics	Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper 2: Mathematical reasoning
Thursday 17 May	Mathematics	Paper 3: Mathematical reasoning

At the end of the Summer Term you will receive results for:

- English: grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English Reading
- Mathematics

Teacher Assessment

There is no formal test for English Writing so this will be reported through evidence of Teacher Assessment. This is a judgement Teachers will make based on your child's work at the end of Key Stage 2. You will also receive Teacher Assessments for English Reading, Mathematics and Science.

How can you help your child to prepare?

Teachers will make sure all children in their class are prepared for the tests – we have sat some practice tests in the hall so they know what it feels like to sit for a paper. There's nothing specifically test-related that you should do to prepare your child - you should just follow the general advice teachers give about supporting your child's education throughout the year.

There is nothing for children to worry about, but to help alleviate any minor nerves that Year 6 children may feel on test days, they are invited to come for breakfast in the school hall where they can gather with their friends and enjoy a range of breakfast options prepared by their teachers!

Further information

Your class teachers will be able to answer any further questions you may have about the tests and teacher assessment judgements. For more details you can visit www.gov.uk/STA or watch these [short videos](#) for parents about the tests.