

2023 Key Stage 2 Statutory Tests



Ashbury CE
Primary School

What are the SATs Tests?

- The Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) are aimed at testing children's knowledge and understanding at the end of primary school in English and Maths.
- Standards have been raised significantly.
- The results of the SATs are used to compare school data nationally.
- Results are shared with the Secondary school, but they often test children on entry and use their own data.

SAT Timetable 2023:

Monday 8th May	Tuesday 9th May	Wednesday 10th May	Thursday 11th May	Friday 12th May
<i>Bank Holiday</i>	English Paper 1: SPAG short answer questions 45 Minutes English Paper 2: Spelling	English Reading Paper 1 hour	Maths Paper 1 <i>Arithmetic</i> 30mins Maths Paper 2 <i>Reasoning</i> 40mins	Maths Paper 3 Reasoning 40mins

What are SAT Tests and why do children have to take them?

- KS2 SAT papers are taken by pupils in Year 6 (when they are 10-11 years old) as part of the National Curriculum assessment programme.
- Children undertake KS2 SAT papers in two core subjects: English and Maths. These are broken down into 6 separate examined tests.

No SAT Levels?

The child will be given a score ranging from 80 to 120 in all tested subjects. To achieve the expected standard children need to score 100, greater depth is 110+.

In writing, which is teacher assessed, the results are compared with the expectations of a year 6 child.

- o Emerging
- o Expected
- o Greater Depth

The Reading Test

This year the texts in the English reading booklet will not be linked by a theme. The booklet will contain three or four texts.

Children will have a total of one hour to read the texts and complete the questions at their own pace.

The reading answer booklet will comprise of approximately 35 to 40 questions (totalling 50 marks).

The questions are:

- shorter, closed response items (such as multiple choice and matching questions);
- shorter, open response items; and
- longer, open response items that require children to explain and comment on the texts in order to demonstrate a full understanding.



- There are 4 main types of questions on the reading paper:
- **Literal / Recall** – answer is there in the text
- **Deductive** – look for clues
- **Inference** – read between the lines
- **Author intent** – e.g. why does an author use a particular word



How can parents help with reading?



- Encourage your child to read every day – a balance of fiction and non-fiction.
- Try to listen to your child read as often as possible and ask them questions about the text.
- Read stories to them.
- Help them with the different skills of reading especially 'skim and scan' reading where they are looking for key words in the text.
- Speed reading

Teacher Assessment of Writing

Writing is moderated throughout the school year with other local primary schools; this helps us to assess our children accurately.

- Children's work is assessed looking at:
- Description
- Does the author identify their reader?
- Cohesion
- Verbs/Tenses
- Clause structure
- Detail & Precision
- Punctuation
- Spelling & Presentation

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test (SPAG)

The English grammar, punctuation and spelling test has two components, worth a total of 70 marks:

- a booklet of short-answer questions
- a spelling task

Paper 1 (the short-answer questions) consists of between 40 and 50 questions assessing grammar, punctuation and vocabulary. Each question is worth one or two marks with a total for the paper of 50 marks. The questions are:

- selected response items (such as multiple choice questions) or
- short, open response items, in which children may have to write a word, a few words or a sentence.

Paper 2, the spelling task, consists of 20 sentences, which are read aloud by the test administrator. Each sentence has a word missing which the child must complete. The task is worth a total of 20 marks.



How can parents help with writing?



- Again, reading a variety of texts – the more children read, the more familiar they become with different text types
- Encouraging ‘book talk’ to discuss why things have been written in different ways
- Modelling good grammar
- Supporting use of revision books
- Spelling – spelling lists / rules every week

The Mathematics Test

KS2 Maths papers comprise of three formal papers: Test 1 - Arithmetic (30 minutes), Test 2 and Test 3 – Reasoning (both 40 minutes).

A child's mark from all three papers are added together to create their overall Key Stage 2 Maths result.

Preparation in School

- We be holding mock SATs using past papers so children can experience exam conditions and expectations.
- Children will be given revision guides.
- Small group work in class.
- Regularly using similar style questions in class.
- Targeted interventions to challenge and support children to reach their potential.
- We have a calm environment in school where children are not always aware they are completing test questions – we do not want children to worry about the SATs; all we ask is that they try their best.

What can you do to help your children prepare for the SATs Tests?

- Encourage children to visit revision websites to practise key areas they are unsure of.
 - BBC bitesize
 - BBC Skillswise
 - Topmarks
 - TTRock Stars
- Encourage children to continue to read regularly at home and discuss texts.
- School can supply workbooks if parents would like to help their child in this way.
- Practise quick mental maths questions and times tables - TTRock Stars
- Ensure children are well rested during the week of tests to maximise their focus during the tests.

Reinforce that all they can do is their very best!



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