

What are the SATs?

- SATs is a term people use to refer to End of Key Stage 2 Assessments;
- It lasts for four days beginning on **Monday 13th May 2019** and ending on **Thursday 16th May 2019**;
- Children will sit the following SATs papers:
 - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1) – Monday 13th May 2019;
 - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 2) – Monday 13th May 2019;
 - Reading – Tuesday 14th May 2019;
 - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) – Wednesday 15th May 2019;
 - Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) – Wednesday 15th May 2019;
 - Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) – Thursday 16th May 2019.
- Writing is assessed using evidence collected by your child's teacher throughout Year 6, so **there is no Year 6 SATs writing test**.
There will be no Science sampling for Year 6 this year.
Therefore, **no Year 6 Science SATs Paper in 2019**.

**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.*



Reading

The Year 6 Reading SATs paper will be sat on **Tuesday 14th May 2019**. The assessment has been designed to measure whether children's comprehension of age-appropriate reading material meets the national standard. It a standard timing of **60 minutes**, including reading the texts and answering questions. There are three different set texts for the children to read, which could be any combination of **non-fiction, fiction and/or poetry**.

The Reading paper focuses on the following areas known as Content Domains:

- 2a) give/explain the meaning of words in context;
- 2b) retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction;
- 2c) summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph;
- 2d) make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text;
- 2e) predict what might happen from details stated and implied;
- 2f) identify/explain how information/content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole;
- 2g) identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases;
- 2h) make comparisons within the text.

The Year 6 Reading SATs paper requires a range of answering styles, including responding to **multiple choice questions, one-word answers**, and multiple mark questions which require **more formal paragraph-length answers**.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1)

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1) is the longer paper lasting 45 minutes, which takes place on **Monday 13th May 2019**.

The children will be prepared by their class teacher so they are equipped with a good knowledge of the technical vocabulary needed to identify and describe various aspects of grammar and punctuation marks.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1) focuses on the following areas:

- Grammatical terms/word classes;
- Functions of sentences;
- Combining words, phrases and clauses;
- Verb forms, tenses and consistency;
- Punctuation;
- Vocabulary;
- Standard English and formality.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1) requires a range of answer types such as circling missing capital letters, multiple choice questions, one-word answers, but **does not require longer formal answers**.

Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) will take place on **Wednesday 15th May 2019**.

It has a standard timing of **30 minutes** and is worth a total of **40 marks**.

It covers the **four operations** (division, multiplication, addition, subtraction and mixed operation calculations requiring **BIDMAS**), as well as **number properties**, calculating **percentages of amounts**, calculations using **decimals**, and calculations using **fractions**.

Maths Papers 2 & 3 (Reasoning)

Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) will take place on **Wednesday 15th May 2019**.

Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) is scheduled for **Thursday 16th May 2019**.

Both have standard timings of **40 minutes** and are worth **35 marks** each.

Paper 2 requires children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning.

Questions focus on the following Mathematical topic areas:

- Number and place value– including Roman Numerals;
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (calculations);
- Geometry – properties of shapes;
- Geometry – position and direction;
- Statistics;
- Measurement – including length, perimeter, mass (weight), volume, time and money;
- Algebra;
- Ratio and proportion;
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.

The questions get harder throughout the paper.

It is not unusual for a child to be unable to complete the entire paper in time.



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How can I support my child in preparing for their SATs?

Firstly, a positive attitude goes a long way – so as much encouragement and support as possible (but we don't need to tell you that)!

DO NOT USE PAST PAPERS – if your child has a tutor, insist they **do not** use them too – we will be using them!

Some further tips:

- Direct any questions or concerns you have about SATs to your child's teacher, rather than worry your child with them;
- Give your child opportunities to go outside and avoid overuse of screens - this can apply to leisure pursuits as well as how they study;
- Try to provide a quiet corner of the house for homework and study, that's as free from distractions as possible;
- Encourage your child to talk to their teacher or another adult they trust if they express persisting anxieties about SATs. Remember that a small amount of anxiety is normal and not harmful;
- Plan something nice and fun for the weekends before and after SATs – this will help your child start the week well and also give them something to look forward to;
- Ensure your child is eating and drinking well, and getting a suitable amount of sleep.

Advice for Year 6 children!

- Listen to what your teacher says;
- Your teacher is cheering you on and wants you to do your best;
- Make sure you get plenty of sleep and stay well fed – sleep and food help keep the brain moving;
- Read the questions carefully. This can help to avoid any silly mistakes!
- Don't worry if there's something you can't answer. Take a deep breath! You can always move on and go back later but it's better to write something rather than nothing;
- Keep in mind year 6 SATs are just one week of your entire life!