

Key Stage 1 SATS

May 2017

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What? When? Why?

- **What?** Standardised Attainment Tests. In school we call them 'Special Booklets' Maths 2
- **Who?** All Year 2 children sit them.
- **When?** Throughout May.
- The government is consulting on how best to assess progress with assessment in Primary Schools in the future but for now the SATs will remain.
- **Why?** They are designed to assess your child's current understanding in Reading, Maths and SPAG at the end of KS1.

The Format

- We call the tests 'Special Booklets'

SPAG

- Spelling Paper (20 Marks)
- Grammar and Punctuation Paper (20 marks)

Reading

- Paper 1 (20 marks)
- Paper 2 (20 marks)

Maths

- Arithmetic (25 marks)
- Reasoning (35 Marks)

Writing:

- Assessed from their independent writing over the year

How are they administered?

We aim to make it as stress-free as possible!

- They are sat 'in class'.
- Spread out over the month (there's no more than 2 in a week).
- They are short (around 40 minutes) and are not strictly timed.
- Children are with their class Teacher/TA.
- Squirrels are with their Phonics Teacher.
- Children will have brain breaks.

What help can they have?

The SATs are to test **their** understanding at this point in the year so they are **independent**.

- However.....
- They have covered all they need to know!
- Questions can be read to the child in the SPAG and Maths paper.
- Some children will be sitting with a TA/Teacher if we have identified they may need help with reading these questions.

What can I do at home to help?

- Keep up supporting your child's learning by completing any homework and reading.
- Make sure they are well rested.
- Be in school on time having had a healthy breakfast.
- Plan something fun for the end of term as a reward.
- Don't stress! If they have tried their best that is all they can do.

How are they marked?

- They are marked in school by the class teacher during May.
- The 'pass mark' will be provided once all tests have been completed and marked.
- There isn't an 'exceeding' mark. Judgements of working at a 'greater depth' comes from the child's work over the year.

What happens to the results?

- They are used to help inform ‘Teacher Assessment’.
- In KS1 the SATS are used **along side** evidence from their independent work in class to make a judgement as to whether a child is working towards expected level, at the expected level or at a ‘Greater Depth’.
- Assessments in Writing and Science will be made using just their independent work in class.
- You will receive a transcript of the ‘Teacher Assessments’ alongside the ‘End of Year Report’.

The key message...

- **DON'T PANIC!**
- We want every child to do their best whatever their current level.
- Remember they are just to assess where your child is currently is in their learning.