

Spalding Parish Church of England Day School



KS1 SATs Newsletter 2022-2023

Term 5

KS1 SATs

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
(45 minutes + Spelling Test)

Reading Comprehension
(1 hour)

Maths Paper 1: Arithmetic test.
(30 minutes)

Maths Paper 2: Reasoning.
(40 Minutes)

Maths Paper 3: Reasoning
(40 minutes)

What are the Year 2 SATs?

The Year 2 SATs are Standard Assessment Tests which are used to test children's knowledge and understanding of the work they have completed in Years 1 and 2. The results of these tests are used, in part, to form a teacher assessment judgement in each of the key areas of Reading, Writing, Grammar and Maths. All Year 2 children in England do the tests during May. The tests and assessment judgements will provide information about how your child is progressing, compared to children the same age nationally.

Two subjects are tested as part of the statutory tests; English and Mathematics, with some elements purely assessed through Teacher Assessment and all papers internally marked.

Working Together at Home

To get the best outcome at the end of Year 2, the baseline measure for targets set in Key Stage 1, children need to:

- Listen carefully in lessons;
- Work hard and do their best at all times;
- Keep active and fit;
- Complete all their home learning;
- Practise their handwriting and presentation;
- Do some form of reading every day to practise comprehension;
- Revisit spellings/spelling rules to avoid mistakes in key spellings;
- Learn and practise multiplication and division tables;
- Talk to the relevant Teacher if they do not understand something;
- Not worry about the tests, it is just part of the evidence base that school use to make their judgements. The main thing is to give all aspects of the tests a go.

Being Prepared

Strategies to help pupils achieve the best they can in their learning:

- Get plenty of sleep;
- Eat food that helps them concentrate and stay calm;
- Have a good 'brain-food' breakfast;
- Drink lots of water;
- Avoid stress;
- Stay safe – children need to be in one piece to take the tests;
- Be in school each day;
- Be prompt for the start of school.

An Overview of the SATs

English is separated into different aspects as follows:

- Speaking and Listening (Teacher Assessment only)
- Reading Comprehension- paper 1 and paper 2
- Writing (Teacher Assessment only)
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Teacher Assessment only due to the test being optional for this year. Children at SPCEDS will still sit the paper to inform teacher assessment judgements).

Maths is tested by 2 papers:

- Paper 1 tests arithmetic skills and the ability to apply knowledge at speed.
- Paper 2 tests the various areas of Maths; number, properties of number, shape, space and measures, and data handling alongside the children's ability to use and apply Maths in different contexts.

A Note to Parents and Carers

The Year 2 team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. We hope you have found this information useful. Your child is our primary concern during their time in school and we hope their time here is a happy one.

We look forward to welcoming the children into school as usual next week. If you do have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of us or Diane Mulley.

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