

Year 6 Assessment and Reporting Arrangements

Tests held during the week
beginning 11th May 2020

Key Changes

- Since 2016, KS2 national test outcomes are no longer reported using levels. Scaled scores are used instead.
- There will be one set of tests for each subject.
- A small number of questions will be designed to assess the most able pupils so separate tests, such as the previous Level 6 tests, are no longer required.

Pupils take tests in:

- English:
 - Reading
 - EPGS - English
 - Punctuation
 - Grammar
 - Spelling
- Maths:
 - Arithmetic
 - Reasoning



Test Timetable

	AM 9.00am	AM 10.45am
Monday 11 th May	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test	
Tuesday 12 th May	English Reading Test	
Wednesday 13 th May	Mathematics Paper 1 Arithmetic	Mathematics Paper 2 Reasoning
Thursday 14 th May	Mathematics Paper 3 Reasoning	

English



The English tests:

- A reading test.
- A EPGS test (English, Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling).
- Writing will be assessed internally this year.

Reading

- The reading test will have a greater focus on fictional texts.
- There is also a greater emphasis on the comprehension elements of the new curriculum.
- The test consists of a reading booklet and a separate answer booklet.
- Pupils will have a total of 1 hour to read 3 texts and complete the questions at their own pace.
- The least demanding text will come first with the following texts increasing in difficulty.

EPGS – English, Punctuation, Grammar and Spelling

- A greater focus on knowing and applying grammatical terminology with the full range of punctuation tested.
- As in previous years, there are two papers:

Paper 1: Questions

Paper 2: Spelling

Paper 1: Questions

- Paper 1 consists of a single test paper.
- Pupils will have 45 minutes to complete the test, answering the questions in the test paper.
- The questions are worth 50 marks in total.

Paper 2: Spelling

- Paper 2 consists of an answer booklet for pupils to complete and a test transcript to be read by the administrator.
- Pupils will have approximately 15 minutes to complete the test, but it is not strictly timed, by writing the 20 missing words in the answer booklet.
- The questions are worth 20 marks in total.

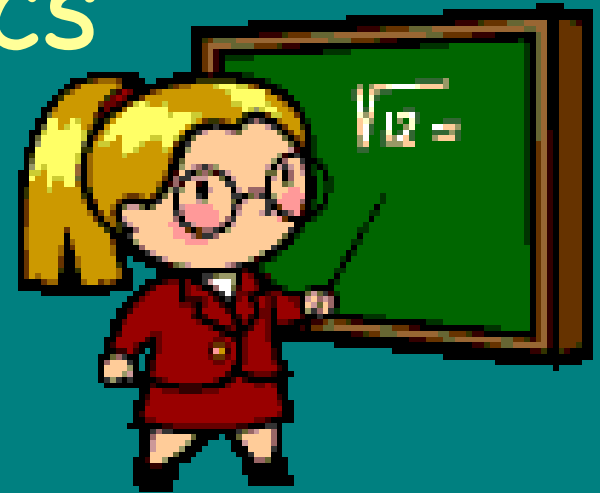
Writing

- Writing is judged using teacher assessment and is based on the children's writing skills across a range of genres throughout the year.
- Judgements are moderated internally and with cluster schools. At least 25% of schools are moderated externally by the LA.

Mathematics

There are 3 Maths tests:

- Paper 1: Arithmetic
- Paper 2: Reasoning
- Paper 3: Reasoning



Paper 1: Arithmetic

- Arithmetic replaces the old mental maths test.
- The arithmetic test assesses basic mathematical calculations.
- The test consists of a single test paper.
- Pupils have 30 minutes to complete the test, answering the questions in the test paper.
- The paper consists of 36 questions which are worth a total of 40 marks.
- The questions will cover straight forward addition and subtraction and more complex calculations with fractions worth 1 mark each, and long division and long multiplications worth 2 marks each.

Papers 2 and 3: Reasoning

- Papers 2 and 3 consist of a single test paper.
- Pupils will have 40 minutes to complete each test, answering the questions in the test paper.
- Each paper will have questions worth a total of 35 marks.
- In some answer spaces, where pupils need to show their method, square grids are provided for the questions on the arithmetic paper and some of the questions on Paper 2.

Scaled Scores

- The pupil's raw score will be translated into a scaled score using a conversion table.
- A scaled score of 100 will always represent the 'expected standard'.
- Each pupil registered for the tests will receive:
 - A raw score
 - A scaled score
 - Confirmation of whether or not they have attained the expected standard.

Arrangements on test days

- The tests will take place in a number of rooms, according to the individual pupil's needs.
- Children are encouraged to visit the toilet and ensure they are well hydrated and comfortable before the test.
- Tests will be invigilated by myself, Ms George, Mrs Hanham and Mr Eaton.
- Tests are kept securely in a locked cupboard until test day. The tests are opened seconds before the test is scheduled to begin.
- Children are allowed to ask for questions to be read aloud to them (with the exception of the reading test).
- Staff may only read the question - children are not allowed any help with spelling or to ask for clarification.
- Children have the start and end time for each test displayed and are given reminders at timed intervals which they are used to as part of our test preparation sessions.

After the tests

- Once the test has finished, the test scripts are collected in silence and they are packaged up and sealed immediately ready for collection by Parcel Force. Tests are sent all over the country to be marked by trained markers.
- During test week, the afternoon sessions will be used for children to go over anything they may be anxious about for the following day.
- However, primarily, children will have the opportunity to take part in lessons where other skills are required such as PE, Art, etc.

Who are the tests for?

- The tests are designed to be used with all pupils who are working at the standard of the national curriculum.
- There will be some pupils who will be working below the 'expected standard' of the test, who may not achieve a scaled score of 100, but who should still take the tests.
- We will use our knowledge of each pupil to decide whether to administer the test to them.

Access

- There may be children who need support when sitting the tests. This support can be in the form of:
 - Extra time.
 - A scribe.
 - A different format of paper e.g. bold print.
- We have to apply for permission, with evidence of the child's needs.
- The children have to meet a certain number of criteria before the support can be given.

How are results reported?

- Marked script images and pupil results (raw scores and scaled scores) come into school on various days throughout July.
- As they arrive in school, the data is collated and analysed.
- Where a test has a borderline mark, we will then go through the script to check the marking.
- Parents will be informed of test results during Parents' Evening (Monday 8th - Thursday 11th July), providing all results are back.
- It will be parental choice as to whether your child knows their results.
- Pupil's test results are then transferred electronically to the appropriate Secondary School.
- These results are automatically shared with the DfE and LA.

How do we prepare children for the SAT tests?

- Work will start now...
- Support for many children in English and Maths at the point of need.
- Children will start receiving homework twice a week from Monday, 13th January 2020 (this will also begin to prepare them for the transition to secondary school).



Year 6 Breakfast Club

Year 6 will have access to an exclusive breakfast club which will run from 7:45am every morning (starting on Monday, 13th January).

During these sessions, children will have time to settle in and eat breakfast before they undertake crucial revision for the tests.



How can you help your child?

- Don't worry!
- Encourage children to be reading and doing times tables and spellings daily.
- Help your child with their homework, but let me know if there are any difficulties in terms of their understanding.
- Education City.
- BBC website
(<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/>).
- Revision Books.

Useful Websites

- <http://www.channel4learning.com/support/websites/maths.html>
Interactive games and puzzles.
- http://www.stjosephspickering.nyorks.sch.uk/past_test_papers.htm
Past SATs papers.
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/>
BBC website with revision questions, games and activities.
- <http://www.teachingtables.co.uk/>
Times tables games and activities.
- <http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>
Maths games and other resources which are useful. There are also Literacy resources and SATs information.
- <http://uk.ixl.com/>
This is packed with lots of maths activities and other online fun stuff.
- <http://www.mathsisfun.com/index.htm>
Lots of games, help and support.

Useful Websites

- <http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>
Games, support and help for Maths and English.
- <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/index.html>
This is Woodlands Junior School site and it points to a good many other revision websites.
- <http://www.gtchild.co.uk/content/>
Lots of activities and worksheets here for practice before the SATs.
- http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm
This is a site developed by teachers where children can practise with multi-choice questions as well as revision material.
- <http://www.compare4kids.co.uk/literacy.php>
Information, questions and activities. Passwords and Usernames can be found on our class page on the website.
- <http://www.satsguide.co.uk/>
General information, past papers and examples to download.
- <http://www.sats-papers.co.uk/>
- Past papers to download and print.