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Year 6 SAT's 2020

When do KS2 tests happen?

- The tests last for a week and are held in the week beginning 11th May.
- This will be a busy week!
- Please avoid taking your child out of school during this time, and in the weeks leading up to the tests.

What do tests involve?

English

There are two tests for English:

- Reading.
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (SPaG).

The reading test has one paper, and the SPaG test has two papers.

Mathematics

The mathematics tests consists of three separate written papers:

- one **arithmetic** paper, lasting 30 minutes.
- two **mathematical reasoning (non-calculator)** test papers, each lasting 45 minutes.

Children's marks from all three tests are combined to calculate their overall mathematics score.

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English – The reading test

- The reading test lasts for 1 hour.
- During this time, your child will be given three to four different texts to read – a mix of fiction, non-fiction and poetry – and a separate booklet of questions to answer about the texts.
- We are teaching your children strategies for tackling this paper, such as answering the questions about each text one section at a time.
- The reading answer booklet will comprise of approximately 35 to 40 questions (a total of 50 marks).
- The questions will consist of:
 - shorter, closed response questions (such as multiple choice and matching questions);
 - shorter, open response questions;
 - longer, open response questions, which require children to explain and comment on the texts to demonstrate a full understanding of their comprehension of the texts.

Questions are worth 1, 2 or 3 marks.

Paper 1 – Reading – Example Questions

Retrieval question:

How much did the first space tourist pay to go into space?

Explanation question:

Explain how the descriptions of the iguanodons in this paragraph support the idea that they were both *inoffensive* and *brutes*. Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

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English – The Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation Test (SPaG)

Paper 1: Grammar, punctuation and vocabulary

- Paper 1 assesses grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.

Questions will refer to both the children's knowledge of grammatical terms (such as *pronoun and conjunction*) and the use of language in the right context.

Some questions will also require children to put in the appropriate punctuation marks to show clauses or sentences, or to use a particular sentence structure.

Paper 1 – Grammar, punctuation and vocabulary – Example Questions

Starter question:

Write the contracted form of the underlined words:

That decision does not seem fair.

Challenging question:

Circle all the determiners in the sentence below:

Two apple trees screened the open windows on one side.

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- Paper 2 assesses spelling and requires children to spell 20 words.

Each word is read out as part of a sentence that is printed in the answer booklet. Your child will be asked to write the missing word into the gap.

The words in the test will be based on the spelling rules taught across Key Stage 2.

Spelling Paper – Spelling Examples

Starter words: Sara wanted to be an explorer and **discover** new lands.
The spy was sent on a secret **mission**.

Challenging words: Omar put the cutlery back in the **drawer**.
Ellen's gold bracelet was her most treasured **possession**.

There are **70** marks altogether, made up of the scores from both papers to achieve an overall score for grammar, punctuation and spelling.

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Paper 1 – Arithmetic

- The arithmetic paper will test your child’s understanding of number and their mental and written calculation skills.
- The test will have around 40 questions and will be worth 40 marks, making up just over one-third of the total marks available for mathematics.
- Some of the questions will require children to know a range of number facts (such as multiplication and division facts), and others will test their use of formal written calculation methods.
- Towards the end of the paper, there are some more challenging calculations -such as those involving fractions, or written calculations with larger numbers.
- For some written multiplication and division questions, 2 marks will be available. If your child’s final answer is incorrect, they may still earn 1 mark for showing correct use of the formal long multiplication or long division methods. *This ‘method mark’ is not available though, if they use any other calculation method than the expected formal one.*

Paper 1 – Arithmetic – Example Questions

Starter questions: $979 + 100 =$ $48 \div 6 =$

Challenging questions: $2331 \div 37 =$ $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{7}{8} =$

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Maths – Papers 2 & 3 Reasoning

- The questions on these papers, as with the arithmetic one, are set out in approximate order of difficulty, so children who are less confident with more challenging mathematics may not finish the whole paper.
- The reasoning questions often include some background information, such as solving problems to do with purchasing things in a shop, or dealing with measurements such as weight or area.
- These test papers cover the wider areas of mathematics such as geometry and statistics, as well as using arithmetic and number knowledge to solve problems.
- Several questions are likely to involve more than one step and so will be worth 2 marks.

Overall, each reasoning paper is worth 35 marks.

Papers 2 & 3 – Mathematical Reasoning – Example Questions

- Starter question: A pack of paper has 150 sheets.
4 children each take 7 sheets.
How many sheets of paper are left in the pack?
- Challenging question: One gram of gold costs £32.94
What is the cost of half a kilogram of gold?

How is SATs week organised?



- A timetable is issued to all schools, telling us on which days tests must be administered.
- We can determine at what time tests begin.
- Tests are completed in classrooms, with any displays that may help covered over.
- The Local Authority monitor around 10% of schools per year.

Children are divided into groups for test administration to ensure they are properly supported and feel secure

Monday 11th May 2020	Tuesday 12th May 2020	Wednesday 13th May 2020	Thursday 14th May 2020	Friday 15th May 2020
English Spag – short answer questions (paper 1)	English Reading paper	Mathematics Arithmetics (paper 1)	Mathematics Reasoning (paper 3)	No tests today
Spelling test (paper 2)		Mathematics Reasoning (paper 2)		

How can YOU help?

- As always, take an interest in your child's learning and progress, giving plenty of positive encouragement!
- Look at some websites together, such as: Mathletics; Maths Shed; BBC Bitesize.
- Avoid putting your child children under too much pressure.
- Ensure your child arrives to school each day on time, which will be at 8.15am for breakfast* during SATs week.
- Provide your child with a bottle of water each day.
- Ensure that they go to bed at a reasonable time each night.

*The school will provide FREE breakfast (toast and hot chocolate), but if your child requires a different option, please make sure you give them breakfast before they leave for school.

Marking and Results

- All of the tests will be carried out in school.
- Following this, they will be sent to be marked by a central agency and returned shortly before the end of the summer term.
- Once the results are returned to the school, we will report these to you.
- Your child's score will be converted to a scaled score to allow it to be compared to other children's scores across the country. Scaled scores will normally range between 80 and 120.
- The scale will be set so that reaching a **score of 100 will indicate that your child is working at the expected standard for the end of Key Stage 2.**

But do the test results actually matter?

- SATs measure the progress a child has made since their KS1 SATs, taken at the end of Year 2, and help to alert teachers to specific areas where they may need extra support.
- Information is passed from a child's primary school to their High School so they can be given the necessary help.
- High schools will set targets for your child based on their KS2 results. However, most schools will take other factors into consideration when target-setting, as well as KS2 results.

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