



KS2 SAT'S

Dates for your diary...

- **When will KS2 SATs take place in 2018?**
- The Year 6 KS2 SATs will be administered in the week commencing 14th May.
- **How will Key Stage 2 SATs be marked?**
- The previous [national curriculum levels](#) have been scrapped, and instead children will be given scaled scores. **You will be given your child's raw score (the actual number of marks they get), alongside their scaled score (100 represents the expected standard) and whether they have reached the national average.** The score needed to reach the national average for 2018 has yet to be announced.

New SATs...

- In the summer term of 2016, children in Year 2 and Year 6 were the first to take the new SATs papers. These tests in English and maths reflect the new national curriculum, and are intended to be more rigorous.
- At the end of Year 6, children will sit tests in:
 - Reading
 - Maths
 - Spelling, punctuation and grammar

Key Points:

The 'new' curriculum is more challenging and has an increased focus on developing children's subject knowledge and skills.

The new National Curriculum does not have levels of attainment, but instead has 'expectations' children are required to meet at each banding (**EXPECTED STANDARD**).

The 2018 tests will include reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling, arithmetic and reasoning.



**NO
LEVELS**



**SCALED
SCORES**

Reading tests...

2016 pass mark was
21 out of 50 marks

2017 pass mark was
26 out of 50 marks

- The reading test will be a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. **Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.**
- There will be a selection of question types, including:
- **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- **Labelling**, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- **Find and copy**, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- **Short constructed response**, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- **Open-ended response**, e.g. 'Look at the sentence that begins *Once upon a time*. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.'

**High-achieving children – there is no longer a Level 6 test paper*

SPaG tests...

2016 pass mark was
43 out of 70 marks

2017 pass mark was
36 out of 70 marks

- The grammar, punctuation and spelling test will consist of two parts: a **grammar and punctuation paper** requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an **aural spelling test of 20 words**, lasting around 15 minutes.
- The grammar and punctuation test will include two sub-types of questions:
- **Selected response**, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives in the sentence below'
- **Constructed response**, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

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SPaG sample questions

Sample questions

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Which pair of verbs correctly completes the sentence below?

Pluto _____ now called a dwarf planet, but once it _____ classified as a planet.

Tick one.

was is

was was

is is

is was

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Tick the option that shows how the underlined words are used in the sentence.

My baby brother was born in the hospital where my father works.

Tick one.

as a preposition phrase

as a relative clause

as a main clause

as a noun phrase

1 mark

13

Tick one box to show which part of the sentence is a relative clause.

The table which is made of oak is now black with age.



1 mark

Writing assessment...

- We internally assess our own writing
- Moderation meetings across our school, the MAT and Milton Keynes to check for consistency
- Emphasis on the structure of writing

Maths tests . . .

2016 pass mark was
60 out of 110 marks

2017 pass mark was
57 out of 110 marks

- Children will sit three papers in maths:
- Paper 1: **arithmetic**, 30 minutes
- Papers 2 and 3: **reasoning**, 40 minutes per paper
- Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of question types, including:
 - Multiple choice
 - True or false
 - Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or completing a table or chart
 - Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem

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Arithmetic sample questions

Sample arithmetic questions

5 $1,034 + 586 =$ 1 mark

13 $4^2 =$ 1 mark

16 $1,440 \div 12 =$ 1 mark

23
$$\begin{array}{r} 54 \\ \times 23 \\ \hline \end{array}$$
 Show your method 2 marks

22 $12 - 6.01 =$ 1 mark

25 133016 Show your method 2 marks

Reasoning sample questions

Sample reasoning questions

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A pack of paper has 150 sheets.

4 children each take 7 sheets.

How many sheets of paper are left in the packet?

Show your method



11

Here is a number written in Roman numerals.

CXV

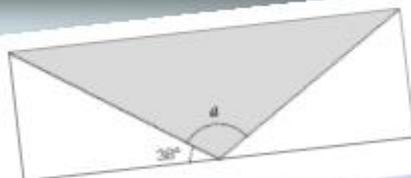
Write the number in figures.

5

What is 444 minutes in hours and minutes?

hours

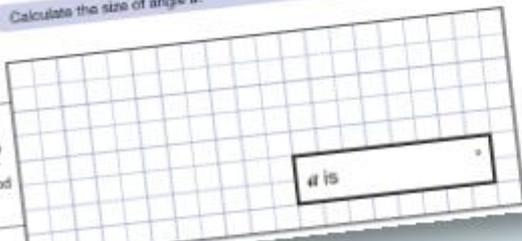
minutes



Not to scale

Calculate the size of angle w .

Show your method



(every 2 years)

Science tests... 2017: No Science sample testing

2018: w/c 4th June

- For those who are selected, there will be three papers:
- **Biology:** 25 minutes, 22 marks
- **Chemistry:** 25 minutes, 22 marks
- **Physics:** 25 minutes, 22 marks
- It sounds very intimidating, but these are ‘questions in a physics/chemistry/biology context’, for example:
- Biology: ‘Describe the differences in the life cycle of an amphibian and a mammal’
- Chemistry: ‘Group a list of materials according to whether they are solid, liquid or gas’
- Physics: ‘Predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, based on where the poles are facing’

How are we preparing your child?

- Teaching the more challenging learning objectives set out in the National Curriculum 2014
- Continuous assessment
- Guided and independent reading
- Writing assessments carried out regularly
- Practising previous SATs papers
- Teaching 'test techniques' and vocabulary
- Home Learning to support teaching & learning in school (homework)
- Target setting
- Mentoring and support (Coaching, booster/intervention groups, tutoring)
- Keeping up to date with information provided by the DfE

How can you help?

- Try not to put pressure on your child
- Support with homework and SATs packs
- Read regularly and discuss a variety of texts – not just ‘listening’ to your child read
- Short bursts of mental maths, times tables and problem solving
- Purchase CGP revision books
- Ensure your child attends Breakfast Club from 8am – Free to all Year 6 children during SATs week
- Ensure good attendance and punctuality
- **LOTS OF PRAISE AND ENCOURAGEMENT!**

Special Educational Needs

Some support can be given to children who have a Statement or Educational Health Care Plan.

Requests for additional time will be made by teachers using their knowledge of children and the children's individual needs.

Children who are unable to sit and work for a long period because of a disability or because of behavioural, emotional or social difficulties may receive some support.

Children with English as an additional language and who have limited fluency in English may receive some support.

Useful websites

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision/>

- This is an excellent site, providing revision help for KS2, KS3, KS 4 and KS5. This covers all subjects through activities and tests.

http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm

- A wide range of KS2 SATs questions, from both past papers and their own team of teachers.

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/index.html>

- Revision pages at Woodlands Junior School. These revision pages support the work they do at Woodlands Junior School. They have been put together for their students to help them with their revision. Included are some sample questions taken from past Key Stage 2 SATs papers, as well as a whole host of interactive tests/quizzes.