

Year 6 SATs 2016

What are the SATs?

- ▶ Standard Assessment Tests which are taken by children in Year 2 and Year 6 at primary school.
 - ▶ Key Stage 2 SATs are set by the government to test the children on what they have learnt throughout Key Stage 2 (years 3 – 6).
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Which subjects are tested?

- ▶ Maths
 - ▶ Reading
 - ▶ Grammar, punctuation and spelling

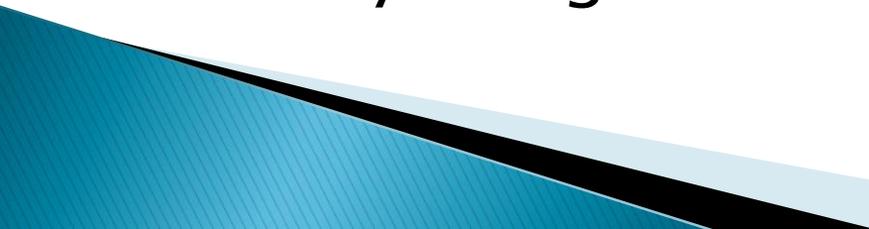
 - ▶ Writing is also assessed but this is done throughout the year and is assessed by the Year 6 teachers. There is no writing test during SATs week however writing assessments need to be submitted at the end of May.
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When do the SATs tests take place?

- ▶ Test week is the week of 9th May 2016

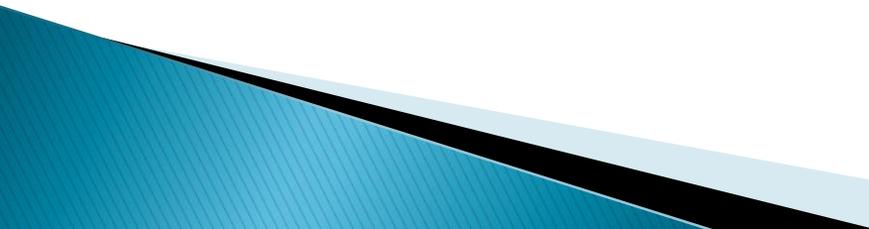
Date	Test
Monday 9 th May	Reading
Tuesday 10 th May	<u>Grammar, punctuation and spelling</u> Paper 1 – Short answers Paper 2 – Spelling
Wednesday 11 th May	<u>Maths</u> Paper 1 – Arithmetic Paper 2 – Reasoning
Thursday 12 th May	<u>Maths</u> Paper 3 – Reasoning

Changes to the SATs

- ▶ This year, your child will not be awarded a level for their SATs.
 - ▶ Instead you will be given information to say whether your child is working at the expected level for a Year 6 child or not.
 - ▶ There have also been changes made to the tests to fit with the new raised expectations set by the government.
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Maths

Paper 1 – Arithmetic test

- ▶ Children will be given 30 minutes to answer approximately 36 calculation questions.
 - ▶ The questions involve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division including calculations involving fractions and percentages.
 - ▶ Children will be expected to be able to work some questions out mentally and some using formal written methods eg. column addition.
 - ▶ The weekly homework that is being given out in Year 6 is in the same format as the test.
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Maths

Paper 2 – Reasoning and Paper 3 – Reasoning

- ▶ Children will be given 40 minutes to answer approximately 20 questions.
- ▶ These tests involve a range of questions in a variety of contexts, including word problems
- ▶ The tests also include the children having to find missing numbers, spot incorrect answers and explain why a statement is true or false.
- ▶ The questions are linked with:
 1. Number (including fractions), ratio and algebra
 2. Shape and measures
 3. Statistics (graphs, charts and tables)

Reading

- ▶ There is one test which will last for 1 hour.
 - ▶ Children will have a reading booklet which will consist of 3 different texts.
 - ▶ There will be a set of questions on each text which will increase in difficulty.
 - ▶ There are a range of questions where children will have to: circle the correct answer, find and copy words, tick boxes, write an explanation, match pieces of information and use their inference skills.
 - ▶ There are approximately 36 questions for the children to answer.
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GAPs – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

- ▶ There are 2 tests: Short answer questions and a spelling test.

Short answer questions

- ▶ Children are given 45 minutes to answer approximately 48 questions.
- ▶ Questions require children to respond in a variety of ways eg. Identifying by circling or underlining, correcting a sentence, explaining and filling in the gaps.
- ▶ The weekly homework that has been given out in Year 6 is in the same format as the test and uses a lot of the new vocabulary that the children are required to know .

GAPs – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

▶ Spelling Test

This test does not have a specific time limit but it takes approximately 15 minutes.

- ▶ There are 20 spellings that are tested.
- ▶ The class teacher will read these within a sentence and the children will write the spelling only.

Writing

- ▶ There will be no writing test during SATs week.
 - ▶ Writing will be teacher assessed using writing that the children produce during their extended writing lessons on a weekly basis.
 - ▶ They must demonstrate a range of skills that have been taught in their literacy and grammar sessions.
 - ▶ Final writing assessments will be taking place up until the last week in May so it is important that children are in school every day.
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Helping your child at home

- ▶ Ensure that your child is completing their maths and grammar homework weekly as this is providing them with more examples of the work covered in school.
 - ▶ Ensure that your child is also reading regularly (5 times a week is our 'Gold Standard') and that they are being asked questions about the text (see handout).
 - ▶ Ensure that your child is practising their times tables and number bond targets.
 - ▶ SATs revision books are available to purchase through school and will provide suitable work to help your child to prepare for the tests.
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Thank you for attending

- ▶ This PowerPoint and all of the homework/reading/times table information is available on our school website.
 - ▶ www.WhitmorePark.org
 - ▶ Parents page
 - ▶ If you would like to order the study books, please return your order and payment by Friday 5th February. We will process the order and you will have the books for half term.
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