



END OF KEY STAGE TWO ASSESSMENTS 2018 **Information for parents**

Assessment and Reporting Arrangements for 2018

At the end of Year 6, children sit tests in:

- Reading
- Maths
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar

These tests are both set and marked externally, and the results are used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

When will the KS2 tests (SATs) take place in 2018?

The Year 6 KS2 SATs will be administered in the week commencing **14th May 2018**.

The 2018 SATs schedule is as follows:

Date	Test
Monday 14th May 2018	SPAG Paper 1: Paper 2: Spelling
Tuesday 15th May 2018	English reading
Wednesday 16th May 2018	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 17th May 2018	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

Key Stage 2 grammar, punctuation and spelling test

The grammar, punctuation and spelling test consists of two parts:

A grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers (45 minutes).

A 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.'

Key Stage 2 Reading

The reading test is 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.'

Key Stage 2 maths

Children 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.

How you can help your child

- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks.
- Spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) are always good to practise daily.
- Encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes daily. Talk to your child about the characters, the plot, their opinion on the story.
- Study guides and practice books are also good to supplement skills taught in school. We recommend CGP books, as these are current and follow the new national curriculum. These can be purchased through www.cgpbooks.co.uk.
- Websites are another useful tool to support your child.
- The following are easy to navigate:

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.bcbitesize.co.uk

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/

If you do require any further information then please visit:

www.gov.uk/government/news/information-for-parents-2018-key-stage-1-and-2-assessments.

Here you will find an information and videos published for parents of children in Year 2 and 6.