

# 2019 SATs Key Stage 1

# Some General Points

- ▶ The children are not aware that they are taking these assessments.
- ▶ The KS1 tests are not strictly timed. Children are allowed to have as long as they need to complete each assessment.
- ▶ If children become stressed at any point during the tests then they will be given a break.
- ▶ Your child's end of year attainment is based on my Teacher Assessment. I do have to take their performance in these tests as one part of evidence to inform my Teacher Assessment.

# Reading Tests

- ▶ Paper 1 is a combined reading prompt and answer booklet.
- ▶ It is expected that the test will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.
- ▶ There are 20 marks for this paper. There will be a mixture of fiction and non-fiction texts.
- ▶ Paper 2 is a reading booklet and separate answer booklet.
- ▶ It is expected that the test will take approximately 40 minutes to complete. There are 20 marks for this paper.
- ▶ These texts are more challenging. Children will need to explain their understanding of the words and retrieve information from the texts.
- ▶ Scores from both the papers will be combined to identify their scaled score.

# How to support your child with reading.

- ▶ Make sure your child is reading aloud to you. Ask them questions which require them to use the text to answer.
- ▶ For example:
- ▶ Find a word that means Plop rushed?
- ▶ How is the character feeling? How do you know?
- ▶ It is important that children are encouraged to refer to the text to retrieve answers rather than use their general knowledge.

# Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

- ▶ There are two tests on the same day. The spelling test which lasts approximately 15 minutes and the Grammar and Punctuation test which lasts approximately 20 minutes.
- ▶ The Grammar paper will test their knowledge of word classes, sentence punctuation and word tenses. Questions are generally tick boxes but they might be asked to write a sentence as an answer.
- ▶ The spelling test will require them to put the correct word into a sentence and will cover a range of words from the KS1 spelling curriculum.
- ▶ Scores from both the spelling and grammar tests will be combined to identify their scaled score.
- ▶ I can use evidence from the SATs papers to inform my Teacher Assessment for writing.

# How to help your child at home with grammar.

- ▶ When you are reading with your child, discuss and identify different types of words – nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs.
- ▶ Learn the weekly spellings and talk about the rules.
- ▶ The test requires the children to know and use the correct terminology
- ▶ subordinating and coordinating conjunctions
- ▶ Statement, exclamation, command or question sentence.
- ▶ Correct your child if they speak in the incorrect tense.

# Mathematics Test

- ▶ There is one arithmetic and one reasoning paper.
- ▶ The arithmetic paper will take approximately 20 minutes. It will include addition, subtraction, multiplication and division questions and some fraction questions towards the end.
- ▶ The reasoning paper will last for approximately 35 minutes. The questions are in context and usually with a picture. Some questions are worth 2 marks and children are expected to show their working out for these questions.
- ▶ Scores from both papers will be combined to identify their scaled score.

# How to help your child with Maths

- ▶ Quick recall of the 2s, 5s and 10s times tables are essential, not just the multiplication but also the division facts.
- ▶ Reinforce bonds to 10 and 20 and how these can be used to solve more complex calculations.
- ▶ Finding fractions of amounts ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ ).
- ▶ Keep practising adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers, crossing 10.

# The SATs timetable

- ▶ Reading Paper 1 - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May
- ▶ Reading Paper 2 - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- ▶ Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May
- ▶ Arithmetic - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May
- ▶ Reasoning - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- ▶ It is important that all children are in school on these days. In the event of sickness or ill health please make contact with the school as soon as possible.