

2023 SATs Key Stage 2

The Y6 SATs papers are based on curriculum which was introduced in 2014. The first set of papers were used in 2016.

These tests did not take place in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID.

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

- ▶ There are two tests on the same day. The Grammar and Punctuation test which lasts 45 minutes and the spelling test which lasts approximately 20 minutes.
- ▶ The Grammar test typically has two types of questions. Some will require a selected response – ‘identify the adjectives in this sentence’ and others which require a more constructed response – ‘correct/rewrite/ complete the sentence below’ or ‘The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.’
- ▶ The spelling test will require them to put the correct word into a sentence.

How to help your child at home with grammar.

- ▶ When you are reading with your child, discuss the use of inverted commas to mark speech, parenthesis (brackets, commas or dashes) to add additional information, identifying the different types of words – nouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, pronouns etc.
- ▶ Although we are teaching spelling differently this year, the spelling frame website could be used at home.
- ▶ The test requires the children to know and use the correct terminology – subordinate clause, relative clause etc. We're using them at school and working on them for homework. All children have been given a copy of the SPAG mat. In addition, a glossary of terms is available at the back of the revision guides.

Reading Test

- ▶ The reading test takes an hour, including reading time. There are usually 3 texts which get gradually harder. The children can refer back to the texts as they answer the questions.
- ▶ The questions come in a variety of forms:
- ▶ Short one mark questions where they might have to match statements; rank and order events in a story; find and copy a phrase or word; short constructed response, e.g. What does the bear eat?
- ▶ Longer response questions which might be worth 2 or 3 marks. For example, “Look at the sentence which begins ‘Once upon a time’. How does the writer increase the tension in this paragraph? Explain fully. using the text in your answer.” These answers require quotes.

How to support your child with reading.

- ▶ Make sure your child is still reading aloud to you. Ask them questions which require them to use the text to answer.
- ▶ For example:
- ▶ Where on the page is there another word that means 'dangerous'?
- ▶ What is the meaning of the phrase 'legend has it...'?
- ▶ Why has the author chosen to use a one word sentence at this point in the story?

Mathematics Test

- ▶ The children have 3 maths tests – arithmetic and 2 reasoning papers.
- ▶ The arithmetic paper (30 minutes) is aimed at testing them on their ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide – this includes fractions, percentages and decimals. Although some of these can be done mentally, most will need a written method. There will be opportunities for some marks if the methodology is correct and the answer is wrong. However their working out does need to be clear because these will be marked by a computer!
- ▶ The reasoning papers (40 minutes each) will involve a variety of question types including answering word problems, drawing shapes, completing tables and charts and explaining their answers.

How to help your child with Maths

- ▶ Quick recall of times tables are essential in so many areas of Maths, not just the multiplication but also the division facts. These are up to 12 x. Please make use of the times table rock stars website – the school has paid for each child to have a log in.
- ▶ Speed practice – doubling and halving, number bonds to 100, counting in steps of 50, 100, 125 etc.
- ▶ Knowledge of the formal written method for addition, subtraction, multiplication (short and long), division (short and long).
- ▶ Supporting them with using the revision guides at home and helping them with homework.

Key Dates for SATs Week 2023

- ▶ Monday 8th May - Coronation of King Charles III (Bank Holiday)
- ▶ Tuesday 9th May - Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (2 x papers)
- ▶ Wednesday 10th May - Reading (1 x paper)
- ▶ Thursday 11th May - Maths (2 x papers)
- ▶ Friday 12th May - Maths (1 x paper)

► <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=532MUvA81tM>