

Parents, please sign in by highlighting your name on the sign in sheet (if it is not on the list, please add it) and then take a seat on the chairs.

Year sixes, please sit on the benches at the front.



Aims:

By the end of the session you will leave with a greater understanding of...

- when the SATs will take place
- what the year 6 SATs will involve
- the format of the test materials (what to expect)
- what it means to achieve the 'expected standard' by the end of KS2
- practical strategies to support children's learning at home
- how and when attainment results will be reported to parents.

First of all, what are the SATS?

Standardised Assessment Tests.

- They are statutory not optional.
- All Year 6 children in the country take the same test on the same day. These
 are sat over 4 days and test the core subjects: Maths, Reading, Spelling
 Grammar and Punctuation.
- Writing is teacher assessed, the children do not sit a test.
- Attainment of all children in this group can be monitored and progress from KS1 can be measured (this cohort did not sit the KS1 SATS due to Covid-19).
- Data will inform primary, secondary and the government.

When will the SATS take place?

Key stage 2 tests

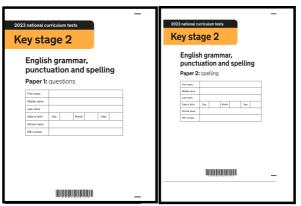
The statutory $\underline{\text{key stage 2 tests}}$ are timetabled from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024:

| Date | Activity | |
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| Monday 13 May 2024 | English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2 Paper 1: 45 minutes Paper 2: 20 minutes | |
| Tuesday 14 May 2024 | English reading | 1 hour |
| Wednesday 15 May 2024 | Mathematics papers 1 and 2 | Paper 1: 30 minutes Paper 2: 40 minutes |
| Thursday 16 May 2024 | Mathematics paper 3 | Paper 3: 40 minutes |

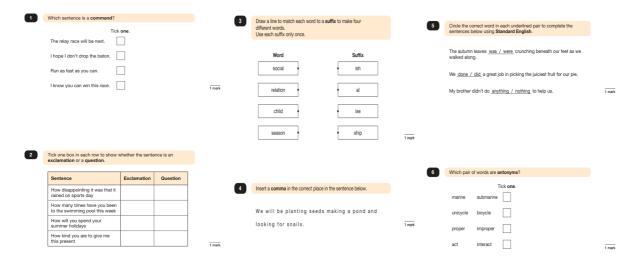
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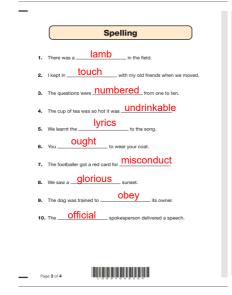
English grammar, punctuation & spelling is made up of 2 tests

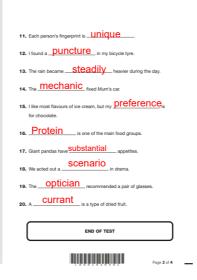
- Paper 1: Short answer questions (focussed on grammar and punctuation).
- Paper 2: Spelling.
- The two papers combined total 70 marks.



Paper 1: Short answer questions (focussed on grammar and punctuation). (There are 50 questions, worth 50 marks).









- Spellings will be recited by either of us.
- They are said aloud within the sentence provided and the spelling word is also said in isolation.
- This paper is worth 20 marks.



Reading

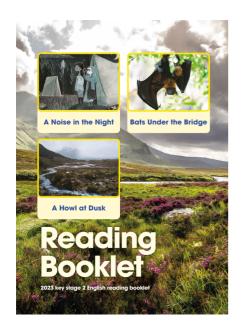




The children have an hour to read 3 (sometimes 4!) unrelated texts of increasing difficulty and answer the associated questions. A mixture of text types are selected (e.g. stories, diary entries, poetry, reports).

Children will be expected to:

- retrieve information (sometimes from a variety of sentences for an answer)
- infer meaning from a paragraph or from the texts as a whole
- summarise, compare and give an opinion
- explain why the author uses particular words and phrases
- know the meaning of words or predict them using their prefix knowledge.



Let's look at an example of one of the texts within last year's reading booklet...



Priya and her friends are camping near a farm owned by Mr Jones. Earlier in the day, Mr Jones had told the group that sheep thieves had been seen in the area.

A Noise in the Night

Priya woke with a start, her heart beating fast. Something had disturbed her but she wasn't sure what. Abby was still sleeping quietly beside her, and the night-light glowed, but now she could see things inside the tent, and she realised that the moon must have risen. She took a deep breath, trying to calm herself, but then she heard something rustling outside. It's nothing, she told herself strictly. It's a hedgehog, or a mole. It's something nice and harmless.



The sound died away, and everything was quiet once more. But not completely. It here was Abby's gentle breathing. Someone coughed in one of the other tents. It sounded like Toby. And then there was another sound – a deep throbbing that was growing steadily louder. Just for a second a bright light flashed across the tent as a car drove past the campsite, followed by another.

Priya was surprised, and now she was completely awake. They had only seen a couple of cars all day, and now two had come past together. Although, now she thought about it, one of them must have been a truck, or a tractor, because its engine had sounded much too deep for a car.

She looked at the dark hump beside her that was Abby, fast asleep. The noise didn't seem to have woken anyone else. She could still hear it, and she imagined the two cars, or whatever they were, reaching the foot of the hill and crossing the bridge by Greystone Farm. She heard the rattle as they crossed the cattle grid on the far side, so now they must be going along the other side of the valley.

For a while the sound didn't change and then, quite suddenly, it stopped. Priya wondered about that. Maybe they had stopped at the Jones's farm. Maybe the farmer had been out visiting someone in the other valley. Whatever it was, she was going to take a look.

Very quietly, so as not to wake Abby, she unfastened the zip of the tent. She pulled back the flap and realised she could see the whole valley, blue and black and silver in the monlight. Directly opposite, on the far side of the valley, she saw two pairs of headlights, not moving. As she watched, the lights went out.

Then it hit her

Rustlers! They had to be. It couldn't possibly be Mr Jones. Why would he have two vehicles? Why would he park there with the lights out? She knew she was right.

She wriggled back inside the tent and shook Abby's shoulder. 'Abby! Wake up!'

'What is it? What's going on?'

'Abby, something's halppening. On the other side of the valley... I think they're stealing sheep.'

Abby groaned. 'It's the middle of the night. I'm asleep.'

"We have to do something," Priya said. "We have to tell the farmer. Abby, wake up!"

She shook Abby again, and this time Abby emerged from her sleeping bag rubbing her eyes. "What time is it?" she asked. "You'd better not be making this up."

Priya looked at her watch. 'It's two in the morning,' she said. 'I can't believe the truck didn't wake you up. Have you got your binoculars?'

Abby grunted and got the binoculars out of her bag. Priya pulled on her shoes and went outside. Seconds later, Abby joined her.

'Show me,' she whispered. 'Where did you see them?'

Priya pointed, and heard a sharp intake of breath from Abby.

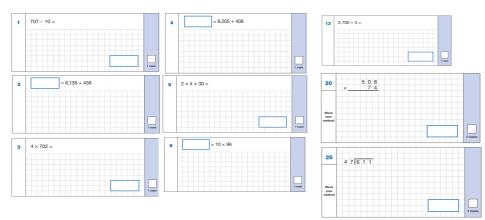
'You're right,' she breathed. 'Those are Mr Jones's sheep. We have to do something.'

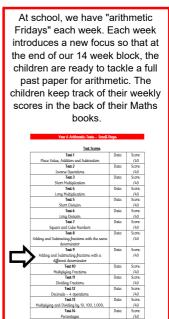


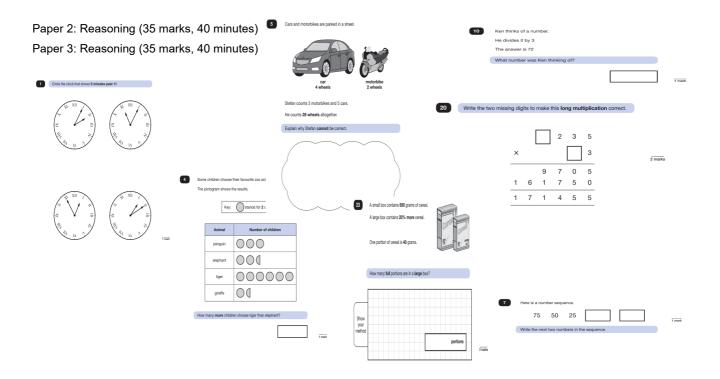
Maths tests

Paper 1: Arithmetic (40 marks, 30 minutes).

Example arithmetic questions:







Writing

- The children will not complete a writing SATs test.
- Teacher assessments in writing provide a rounded judgement that is based on our knowledge of how your child has performed over time and in a variety of contexts.
- The judgements are made throughout the course of the year against a set of criteria known as the KS2 Teacher assessment frameworks. These provide a bullet pointed list of what the expected standard looks like for the end of
- Teachers will take children's books to writing moderation (with other teachers from other schools and judgements are also made by the local authority.

Working towards the expected standard

The pupil can

- write for a range of purposes
- · use paragraphs to organise ideas
- · in narratives, describe settings and characters
- in non-narrative writing, use simple devices to structure the writing and support the reader (e.g. headings, sub-headings, bullet points)
- use capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contraction mostly correctly
- spell correctly most words from the year 3 / year 4 spelling list, and some words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list*
- write legibly.¹

Working at the expected standard

- write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader (e.g. the use of the first person in a diary, direct address in instructions and persuasive writing)
- in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere
- integrate dialogue in narratives to convey character and advance the action
- select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires, doing this mostly appropriately (e.g. using contracted forms in dialogues in narrative; using passive verbs to affect how information is presented; using modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility)
- use a range of devices to build cohesion (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials of time and place, pronouns, synonyms) within and across paragraphs
- . use verb tenses consistently and correctly throughout their writing
- use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 mostly correctly* (e.g. inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech)
- spell correctly most words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list,* and use a dictionary to check the spelling of uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary
- maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed.²

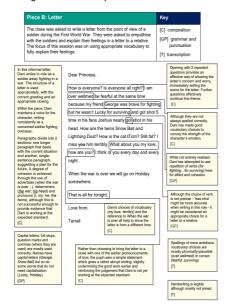
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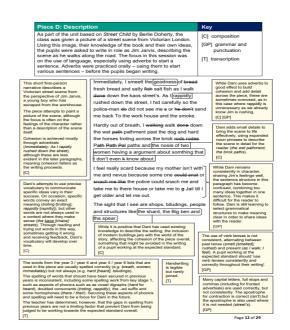
The pupil can

- write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting the appropriate form and drawing independently on what they have read as models for their own writing (e.g. literary language, characterisation, structure)
- distinguish between the language of speech and writing³ and choose the appropriate register
- exercise an assured and conscious control over levels of formality, particularly through manipulating grammar and vocabulary to achieve this
- use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 correctly (e.g. semi-colons, dashes, colons, hyphens) and, when necessary, use such punctuation precisely to enhance meaning and avoid ambiguity.⁵

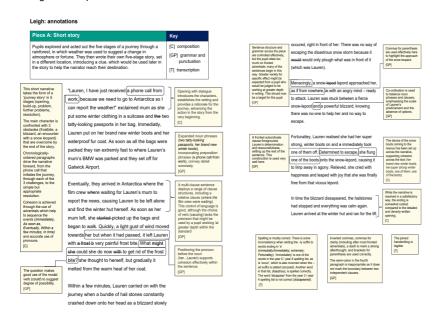
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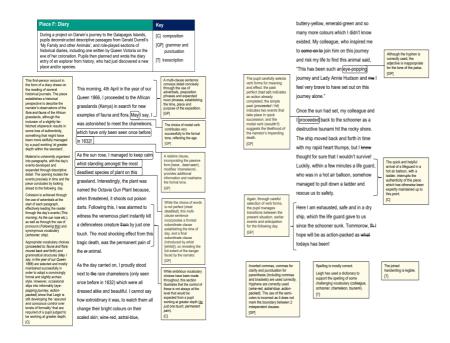
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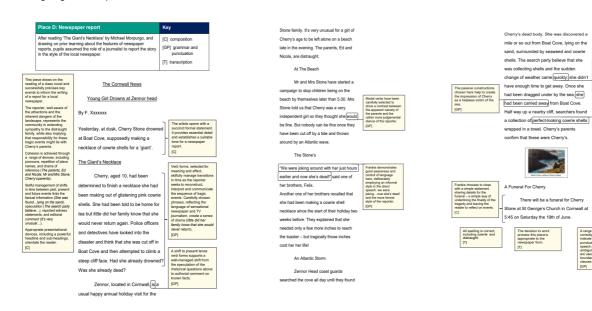


Working at the expected standard:





Working at greater depth:



Science

The children are taught Science, weekly, by Mrs White.

There is no test for Science.

Teacher assessment considers:

- Working scientifically
- Knowledge of the national
- curriculum.
- In-school moderation

Outcomes: EXS or HNM

(expected standard or has not met)









How are the SATS marked/graded?

- The papers are collected at school, sealed and sent away to be marked externally.
- Results are has met the expected standard or has not met the expected standard.

Each child is then given a scaled score that ranges from 80 to 120, with a score of 100 or more meaning that the child has

achieved the expected standard. Standards & Testing Agency Standards & Testing Agency English reading

How will results be returned to parents?

- You will receive your child's end of year report as usual.
- Enclosed within this will be a sheet detailing whether your child has met the expected standard for Maths, Reading, Grammar Punctuation and Spelling, Writing and Science or has not met the expected standard.
- Depending on when the school receive the results, year 6's reports **may** be the week later than their siblings in years reception year 5. This is dependant on when SATS results are received by the school.

How can we support the children?

- At school, we have begun familiarising the children with SATS style questions, conducting our own gap analysis to detect areas which require more input/support.
- Our timetable will be largely revision based on the approach to SATS week.
- We will hold a practice SATS week (week commencing 6th May) to familiarise them with the layout of the hall and mirror what SATS week will actually look like to them.
- Continue reviewing past papers.
- Visiting our school library with the children and encouraging them to select a book.
- Keeping our book corners up to date with wish list (and various other!) texts for the children to read.
- · Delivering our Guided Reading and English lessons using high quality, engaging texts.
- Using the White Rose to sequence the children's learning of maths, accessing both arithmetic and reasoning and problem solving tasks.
- Understanding that the children may feel anxious. During SATS week, school will open at a slightly earlier time of 8.30am to give the children the opportunity to have some toast together for their breakfast. It is not compulsory but would be a nice start to the morning for the class to share together.

How can you support the children?

- Read, read, read!!! Build Reading stamina! Concentration on sustained reading- high quality texts including poetry. Could you take a trip to a local library?
- Encourage/support learning spellings that are sent home via the Spelling Shed.
 - Arithmetic timetables, rapid recall, logging into Times Table Rockstars.
 - Reminding your children of the importance of completing their homework. Tasks are set to recap the week's learning.
 - Sample materials can be accessed online for free: https:// www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculumassessments-practice-materials or CPG books can be purchased (optional).

Recognise the importance of not taking holidays in the weeks up to (and during!) SATS week.





Slides will be available on the website for you to revisit at a later date.