

KS2 SATs Information Evening

25th March 2024

What are the SATS tests?

- The end of KS2 assessments are sometimes informally referred to as 'SATS'.
- SATS week across the country begins on 13th May 2024.
- Pupils will complete test papers in some of the areas that have to be assessed. Other areas, like writing, are assessed using evidence collected by the teacher over a longer period of time.
- Pupils will complete SATS test papers in:
 - Grammar, Punctuation & Vocabulary
 - Spelling
 - Reading
 - Arithmetic
 - Mathematical Reasoning - 2 papers



How do the tests take place?

- The tests all take place in normal school time, under test conditions.
- Pupils will not be allowed to talk to each other during the tests.
- The completed papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- Results are expected to be released on Tuesday 9th July 2024.
- The tests vary in length but last no longer than 60 minutes:
 - Grammar, Punctuation & Vocabulary: 45 minutes
 - Reading: 60 minutes
 - Spelling: 15 minutes
 - Arithmetic: 30 minutes
 - Mathematical Reasoning: 2 papers of 40 minutes each.



The Timetable.

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| Monday 13 th May: | Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar – Paper 2 |
| Tuesday 14 th May: | Reading |
| Wednesday 15 th May: | Maths Arithmetic – Paper 1 Maths Reasoning – Paper 2 |
| Thursday 16 th May: | Maths Reasoning – Paper 3 |

How are the tests graded?

- The marked tests will provide the following information:
 - A raw score (i.e. number of marks)
 - A scaled score (see below)
 - An indication of whether the national standard has been met.
- In scaled scores, a score of 100 represents the national standard. The lowest is 80 and the highest is 120.
- After each test is marked, it will be converted into a scaled score and that will show whether a pupil is working at the national standard, or above or below it.
- A pupil will need to achieve a scaled score of 100 to show that they have met the national standard on the test.
- There are no longer separate tests for higher attaining pupils, but they might expect a scaled score of 110+ which would indicate the pupil is working above the expected standard.



The Reading Test

- The test assesses whether pupils' comprehension of age appropriate texts meets the national standard. There will be numerous questions on inference, vocabulary and authorial choice.
- Pupils will have 60 minutes to complete the test, including reading the texts and writing the answers.
- The test will have three different texts to read, drawing on fiction, non-fiction or poetry.
- Questions are focused around the following areas (called 'content domains'):
 - give/explain the meaning of words in context
 - retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction
 - summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph
 - make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text
 - predict what might happen from details stated and implied
 - identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole
 - identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases
 - make comparisons within the text



The Reading Test

Example questions

- 9 Look at Anousheh's blog entry for September 27th.
Explain how Anousheh felt about being in space that day.

2 marks

- 18 *Gentle, and small, and frail*

How do these words make the reader feel about the snail?

1 mark

- 11 Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

| | Fact | Opinion |
|---|------|---------|
| Anousheh Ansari kept an online diary. | | |
| Brushing your teeth in space is a joy. | | |
| Being weightless is endlessly entertaining. | | |
| Tourists can stay on the International Space Station. | | |

1 mark

- 25 Circle the correct option to complete each sentence below.

(a) The story is told from the perspective of...

Professor
Summerlee.

Lord John.

Malone.

Professor
Challenger.

1 mark

- There are a range of answer types, including multiple choice, short one-word answers and longer answers that require a written paragraph.



The GPS Tests

- There are two tests: a short spelling test and a longer paper testing grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.
- The spelling test lasts approximately 15 minutes and pupils will need to spell words in context by filling in the gaps in sentences.
- The grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test lasts for 45 minutes. Pupils need a good working knowledge of technical vocabulary used to describe grammatical terms and punctuation marks.
- Questions in the grammar test are focused around the following areas (called 'content domains'):
 - Grammatical terms/word classes
 - Functions of sentences
 - Combining words, phrases and clauses
 - Verb forms, tenses and consistency
 - Punctuation
 - Vocabulary
 - Standard English and formality



The GPS Tests

Example questions

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Tick one box to show which part of the sentence is a **relative clause**.

The table which is made of oak is now black with age.

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1 mark

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What is the name of the **punctuation mark** used between the two main clauses below?

My sister loves team sports; my brother, on the other hand, prefers individual sports – such as athletics.

1 mark

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Tick the option that shows how the underlined words are used in the sentence.

My baby brother was born in the hospital where my father works.

Tick **one**.

as a preposition phrase

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as a relative clause

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as a main clause

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as a noun phrase

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1 mark

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Insert a **colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

The school offered three clubs for its pupils art and craft,
dance and chess.

1 mark

- There are a range of answer types in the grammar test, including multiple choice and short one-word answers, but there will not be any long written answers required



The Maths Tests

- There are three tests: one arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers.
- Paper 1 (arithmetic) lasts 30 minutes and assesses pupils' confidence using methods of calculation as well as fractions, decimals and percentages. It covers curriculum content from all of KS2.
- Papers 2 & 3 (reasoning) last 40 minutes each and focus on problem solving, fluency and applying mathematical reasoning.
- Questions cover the following areas (called 'content domains'):
 - Number and place value
 - Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (calculations)
 - Geometry - properties of shapes
 - Geometry - position and direction
 - Statistics
 - Measurement
 - Algebra
 - Ratio and proportion
 - Fractions, decimals and percentages.



The Maths Tests

Example questions

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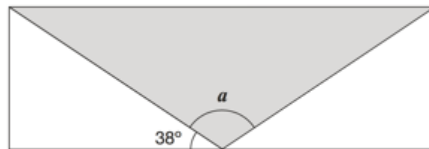
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1 mark

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A shaded **isosceles** triangle is drawn inside a rectangle.



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Calculate the size of angle a .

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The area of a rugby pitch is 6,108 square metres.

A football pitch measures 112 metres long and 82 metres wide.

How much larger is the area of the football pitch than the area of the rugby pitch?

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Ingredients for chocolate ice cream.

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|-----------|--------|
| cream | 400 ml |
| milk | 500 ml |
| egg yolks | 4 |
| chocolate | 120 g |
| sugar | 100 g |



Stefan has only 300ml of cream to make chocolate ice cream.

How much **chocolate** should he use?

- Questions will increase in difficulty as the paper progresses and not all children will complete the papers.



Other Assessments

- There is no writing SATs test.
- Writing assessments will be formed from judgements made by the teacher, looking at evidence from writing collected over the course of the year.
- Formal Local Authority moderation, for a select number of schools, will take place throughout May and June.
- Final judgements will be reported to parents at the same time as the other assessment results.



How can I help my child?

- First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and they should always just try their best.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic are always good to practise.
- Talk to your child about what they have learnt at school and what book(s) they are reading (the character, the plot, their opinion). Look up definitions of words together, use a thesaurus to find synonyms, discuss antonyms.
- All reading is valuable – it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything: fiction, non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programmes and TV guides.
- Make sure your child has a good sleep and a healthy breakfast every morning.



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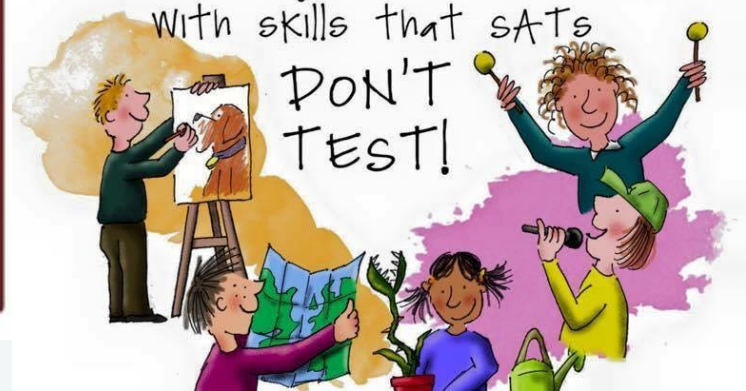


Just do your best!

Remember you've been blessed...

With skills that SATs

DON'T
TEST!



Time for Questions

