



## Year 2 SATs information booklet

'Old' National Curriculum levels (e.g. Level 1, 2, 3 etc) have now been abolished, as set out in the Government guidelines.

From 2016, test scores will be reported as 'scaled scores'.

This means it is very difficult to compare the assessment of a previous year with the current year.

Although the tests are set externally, they will be marked by teachers within the school. Instead of National Curriculum levels, children will be given a standardised score.

Teacher assessments will also be used to build up a picture of your child's learning and achievements.

Your child will receive an overall result saying whether they have year achieved the required standard in the tests. These will be record as **working towards the expected standard, working at the expected standard or working at greater depth within the expected standard.**

The new curriculum is more rigorous and sets higher expectations which all schools have had to work hard to meet since the beginning of last year.

A short video explanation can be found at:

<https://vimeo.com/155379971>

### Reading

The new reading test for Year 2 pupils will involve two separate papers.

Paper 1 consists of a selection of texts totalling 400 to 700 words, with questions interspersed.

Paper 2 comprises a reading booklet of a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children will write their answers in a separate booklet.

Each paper is worth 50 % of the marks, and should take around 30 minutes. Children will not be strictly timed, as the tests are not intended to assess children's ability to work at speed.

The texts in the reading papers will cover a range of genres including fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Texts will get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test. Teachers will have the option to stop the test at any point that they feel is appropriate for a particular child.

There will be a variety of question types:

- Multiple choice
- Ranking/ordering, e.g. *'Number the events below to show in which order they happened in the story'*
- Matching, e.g. *'Match the character to the job that they do in the story'*
- Labelling, e.g. *'Label the text to show the title'*
- Find and copy, e.g. *'Find and copy one word that shows what the weather was like in the story'*
- Short answer, e.g. *'What does the bear eat?'*

Open-ended answer, e.g. *'Why did Lucy write the letter to her grandmother? Give two reasons'*

## Spelling, punctuation and grammar

Children taking Key Stage 1 SATs will complete two separate papers in grammar, spelling and punctuation:

Paper 1: a 20-word spelling test taking approximately 15 minutes and worth 10 marks. *Please see attached phoneme and word list*

Paper 2: a grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test, in two sections of around 10 minutes each (with a break between, if necessary), worth 20 marks. This will involve a mixture of selecting the right answers e.g. through multiple choice, and writing short answers

Example questions may be :

Year 2 English Grammar and Punctuation Test 1

4. Tick the correct word to complete the sentence below.

I really don't like washing my face \_\_\_\_\_. I have to do it.

Tick **one**.

or

and

but

2

1 mark

9. Draw lines to match the groups of words that have the same meaning.

One has been done for you.

I will	it's
you have	I'll
it is	didn't
did not	you've

*Note: A line is drawn from 'I will' to 'I'll'.*

1 mark

## Maths

Children will complete two tests: Paper 1 and Paper 2.

Paper 1 is for arithmetic, lasting approximately 25 minutes and worth 25 marks. It covers calculation methods for all operations.

Paper 2 covers problem solving, reasoning and mathematical fluency, lasts for approximately 35 minutes and is worth 35 marks.

Pupils will still require calculation skills and questions will be varied including multiple choice, matching, true/false, completing a chart or table or drawing a shape. Some questions will also require children to show or explain their working out.

Children are not permitted to use counting apparatus or equipment so jottings are encouraged.

Example questions:

10  $3 \times 3 =$  [ ]

10  $12 \div 2 =$  [ ]

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Sho puts 2 shoes in each of these boxes.  
How many shoes are there altogether?

[ ] shoes

3 Complete the table.

words	digits
thirty-eight	38
	40
ninety-four	

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The Department for Education has produced some [sample papers](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-2016-sample-materials) for teachers, which you can look through to understand what kind of questions will be asked. These can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-2016-sample-materials>

Some examples of SATs practice papers will be available from the Year 2 teachers at Parents' Evening.