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# SATs Information Evening

January 2024

# What are the SATs?

- ▶ SATs stands for Standard Assessment Tests.
- ▶ Designed to assess your child's understanding of Maths and English against the National Curriculum learning objectives for KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6).

The purpose of the SATs is to measure academic progress throughout the key stage.

# How much do Year 6 SATs matter?

- ▶ We want the children to do their best.
- ▶ It may be the first time your child will be fully aware of the process of preparing for something important that they will be assessed on.
- ▶ It is a good life experience:
  - ▶ Practising for an exam
  - ▶ Wanting a certain result
  - ▶ Receiving a result that may either reward their efforts or alert them to the fact they need more practise.
- ▶ **Putting effort in to achieve something is a great lesson in life!**

# When are the SATs?

## Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May:

- English grammar and punctuation (45 mins)
- Spelling paper (20 mins)

## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May:

- English reading (60 mins)

## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May:

- Maths arithmetic paper 1 (30 mins)
- Maths reasoning paper 2 (40 mins)

## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

- Maths reasoning paper 3 (40 mins)

# What will it be like in school?

- ▶ Children sit the tests in a classroom or other familiar room, with adults they know
  - ▶ Some might be in smaller groups or in a room on their own
- ▶ There are stringent procedures in place to ensure that the tests are administered fairly
  - ▶ For example, we have to cover up display boards in the classroom and can't read out certain parts of the text
- ▶ Some children may qualify for additional support, again there are strict guidelines in place as to who qualifies for that additional support
- ▶ **All children** may ask for things to be read aloud to them (apart from in the reading test)
  - ▶ Please reassure them and remind them that they can do this!

# Results

- ▶ Papers are sealed and sent off for external marking after every test.
- ▶ The school will receive the results in July.
- ▶ Results will be reported to parents and pupils with their end of year report.
- ▶ Results format:
  - ▶ **Scaled score** for Reading, SPAG and Maths.
  - ▶ **Teacher judgement** for Writing
- ▶ What is a Scaled Score?
  - ▶ A scaled score converts the child's raw score (the number of points they got on the papers) using a system which takes into account the difficulty of each test compared to previous years.
  - ▶ A scaled score of 100+ reflects the 'expected standard'.
  - ▶ 120 is the maximum scaled score.

# How are the results used?

- ▶ Schools are judged by the percentage of children reaching the expected standard.
- ▶ Progress is normally judged by comparing their end of Key Stage 1 level with end of Key Stage 2 level.
- ▶ Secondary schools will use the SATs as an indicator of your child's ability however, they will also do their own baseline assessments

SATs might not reflect your child's true ability - remember there will be more chances to show off what they are capable of in later stages of their education.

# What are we doing in school?

- ▶ Our SATs practice and revision is built into our lessons:
  - ▶ Daily arithmetic, times table and SPaG quizzes
  - ▶ Daily reasoning question practice in Maths
    - ▶ In input, independent activities and plenary
  - ▶ ERIC (Reading lessons) which include SATs-style comprehension questions
  - ▶ Retrieval practice starters focussed on SPaG and arithmetic
  - ▶ SPaG is referenced every time the children write
  - ▶ Dedicated SPaG lessons with lots of games and quizzes
  - ▶ Regular intervention groups to plug-gaps
  - ▶ Afterschool booster groups for writing and maths
  - ▶ Test-technique -how to answer the questions

# What should I do if my child is stressed about the SATs?

- ▶ Explore why they are stressed:

Nervous that they will fail

Not as good as their peers

Forget things in a test

- ▶ Our focus needs to be on helping them on overcoming these barriers as there will be many more test situations coming their way.
- ▶ Mindfulness resources, helping with memory and simple things like ensuring a good diet and sleep all help.
- ▶ Opportunity for children to learn about facing something intimidating and feeling proud afterwards.
- ▶ Let's teach our children that it is ok to be worried about something but it is important to try.
- ▶ Resilience is a lifelong tool that can help us all.

# How can I support my child with their SATs?

- ▶ Positive encouragement and reassurance
  - ▶ If the children do their best, it is good enough!
  - ▶ Foster a Growth Mindset
- ▶ Good diet, exercise and good quality sleep
  - ▶ We do mindfulness and breathing techniques as part of our PSHE lessons each week. We plan to increase this nearer to May.
- ▶ Complete the homework:
  - ▶ Maths arithmetic, TTRS, Spelling Shed
  - ▶ Reading - helps with vocabulary, sentence structure
  - ▶ SPaG - get them to tell you what the terms mean
- ▶ Speak to your child's class teacher if you want specific advice on what to cover
- ▶ Tell us if you are worried about your child or need help!

# How can I support my child with their SATs?

- ▶ Encourage good test technique:
  - ▶ Remind them to carefully read the question
  - ▶ Use all the time available
  - ▶ Check their answers - don't waste time, go back and check it all again
    - ▶ Do the question again if you have time
  - ▶ Show their workings in Maths - you can pick up points!
  - ▶ Skip things they are stuck on and come back to it at the end
  - ▶ Ask for help - all children can have the questions read to them (apart from in the Reading paper) if they ask for it!

# How can I support my child with their SATs?

## ▶ Extra Revision (optional):

- Proceed with caution if giving your child 'practice SATs' - don't want them to burn out.
- Each child is different and this might not be the right approach for you and your child.
- Shorter, smaller chunks of revision work better.
- Please avoid using past SATs papers as we will also be using these in school.

# CGP Books

## Complete KS2 Maths and English 10-Minute Test SAT Buster Book 1 Bundle

Complete KS2 Maths and English 10-Minute  
Test SAT Buster Book 1 Bundle (for the  
2024 tests)

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