

*What are the
expectations
for pupils sitting the
Year 6 tests in 2024?*



What are the tests?

The National Curriculum Tests are designed to measure children's attainment in relation to the National Curriculum which was introduced in September 2014 and to provide information for schools, Local Authorities, Department for Education and Ofsted.

- Tests were overhauled in May 2016 to reflect the changes to the National Curriculum.
- Children at the end of KS2 now sit these new style test papers.



- **Scaled Scores** will be used to report outcomes. A small number of questions in every paper will be designed to challenge higher achieving children.
- All tests must be taken by all children working within the expected standard.
- Tests are administered during the month of May 2024 following a set timetable by the DfE.



What are Scaled Scores?

- A scaled score of 100 represents the 'National Standard'.
 - A child who achieves the 'National Standard' (a score of 100) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests.
 - In July 2024, following the publication of test results, each pupil will receive:
 - A raw score (number of raw marks awarded).
 - A scaled score in each tested subject.
 - Confirmation of whether or not they attained the national standard.
- *This will be sent to you with their end of year school reports.



So in July 2024:

- A child awarded a scaled **score of 100** is judged to **have met the 'National Standard'** in the area judged by the test.
- A child awarded a scaled score of **more than 110** is judged to have **exceeded the National Standard** and demonstrated a higher than expected knowledge of the curriculum for their age.
- A child awarded a scaled score of **less than 100** is judged to have **not yet met the national standard** and performed below expectation for their age

The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is:

80 (the lowest scaled score that can be awarded)

120 (the highest scaled score)

The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more.

If a child is awarded a scaled score of 99 or less they **won't** have achieved the expected standard in the test.



What tests will there be?

In May, **Year 6** children will take tests in:

- Reading
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths

Tests will be marked externally.

Writing will be teacher assessed.



The Reading Test

- The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.
- There will be a selection of question types, including:
 1. Ranking/ordering, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
 2. Labelling, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
 3. Find and copy, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
 4. Short constructed response, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
 5. Open-ended response, e.g. 'Look at the sentence that begins Once upon a time. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.'

The Reading Test

In 2018 the Department for Education announced that the reading content of the KS2 SATs would be more closely linked to the curriculum in future to ensure children are drawing on their knowledge when answering reading comprehension questions.



The Ability To 'Infer'?

- Being an active reader who wants to make sense of a text.
- Monitoring their own comprehension and resolving misunderstandings as they are reading.
- Having a rich vocabulary.
- Having a good working memory.



The GPS Test

- The grammar, punctuation and spelling test consists of two parts: a grammar and punctuation paper requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and an aural spelling test of 20 words, lasting around 15 minutes.
- The grammar and punctuation test will include two sub-types of questions:
 - Selected response, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives in the sentence below'
 - Constructed response, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'



Spelling

1. Sara wanted to be an explorer and discover new lands.
2. The spy was sent on a secret mission.
3. For PE lessons, your clothes should be loose and comfortable.
4. The sign showed which way to go.
5. China is a large country.
6. Laura won a medal for gymnastics.



The Maths Test

- Children will sit three papers- one arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers.
- For paper 2 & 3 children will not be allowed tracing paper but may use a mirror.
- There is no calculator paper.
- Questions get progressively more challenging.



The Maths Test

Paper 1: Arithmetic, 30 minutes

The Arithmetic Paper will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication, long division, fractions, decimals and percentages.



The Maths Test

- Papers 2 and 3 – Reasoning, 40 minutes per paper, will involve a number of question types, including:
- Multiple choice.
- True or false.
- Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or completing a table or chart.
- Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem.



The Year 6 KS2 SATs will be administered in the week commencing **13th May 2024**.



Monday 13th May 2024

English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions
English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling

Tuesday 14th May 2024

English reading

Wednesday 15th May 2024

Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic
Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning

Thursday 16th May 2024

Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning



Are SATs important?

The National Curriculum Tests (SATs) are really important in relation to the information that we are required to share with ALL secondary schools.

At transition meetings for secondary schools, we are asked by the receiving Year 7 team for the children's predicted attainments in their SATS. This is then followed up with their actual attainment with their transfer documents.

The SATs also allow the children to demonstrate that they are working at age related expectations in Year 6 and this gives them a good grounding for the next steps in their educational journey.



How school will help

- Daily class teaching
- Addressing gaps due to School Closures
- Revision of the KS2 curriculum
- Practise questions and papers
- Teaching test techniques: timing; order of answers to questions; question weightings etc.
- General pastoral care to reduce stress and anxiety
- Focused guided group work, where necessary
- School support sessions



How can you help?



Read with your child regularly:

- Asking delving questions
- Asking them to make inferences that are not immediately obvious
- Ask for opinions and why they are held
- What in the text supports or informs their opinion?
- Support with home learning
- Encourage use of a thesaurus and dictionary to broaden vocabulary
- help with 'revision'
- Revision books are widely available- useful for GPS test
- Sleep and diet/water
- No pressure! (particularly the night before)
- Make sure they know their times tables and are confident with the four operations.





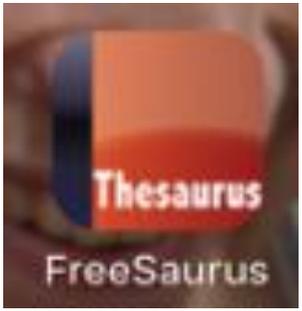
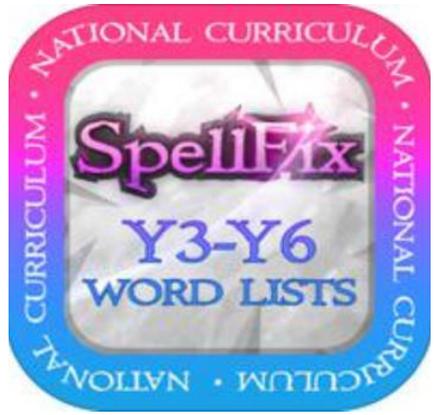
Finally...

The tests ARE ONLY *ONE small* PART OF SCHOOL LIFE!

- Children with outside activities have more experiences to draw on.
- Children need time to be children and to rest.
- Support good attendance and punctuality.
- Ask questions and listen if they want to talk things through with you.
- Come in and discuss any worries or distractions with the class teacher.



APPs to support vocabulary-building and spelling

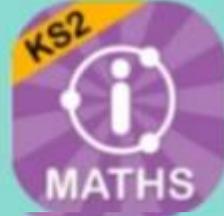


3 Apps in This Bundle

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|  Key Stage 2 English Education |  Key Stage 2 Maths Education |  SPaG Gold: KS2 and K... Education |
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APPs to support SATs revision



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You may wish to...

- Take a look at some sample questions.
- <https://www.satspapers.org.uk/Page.aspx?TId=5>
- Try an online quiz to test your knowledge of GPS & Maths
- <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationquestions/11520453/Could-you-pass-an-11-year-olds-maths-SATs-test.html>

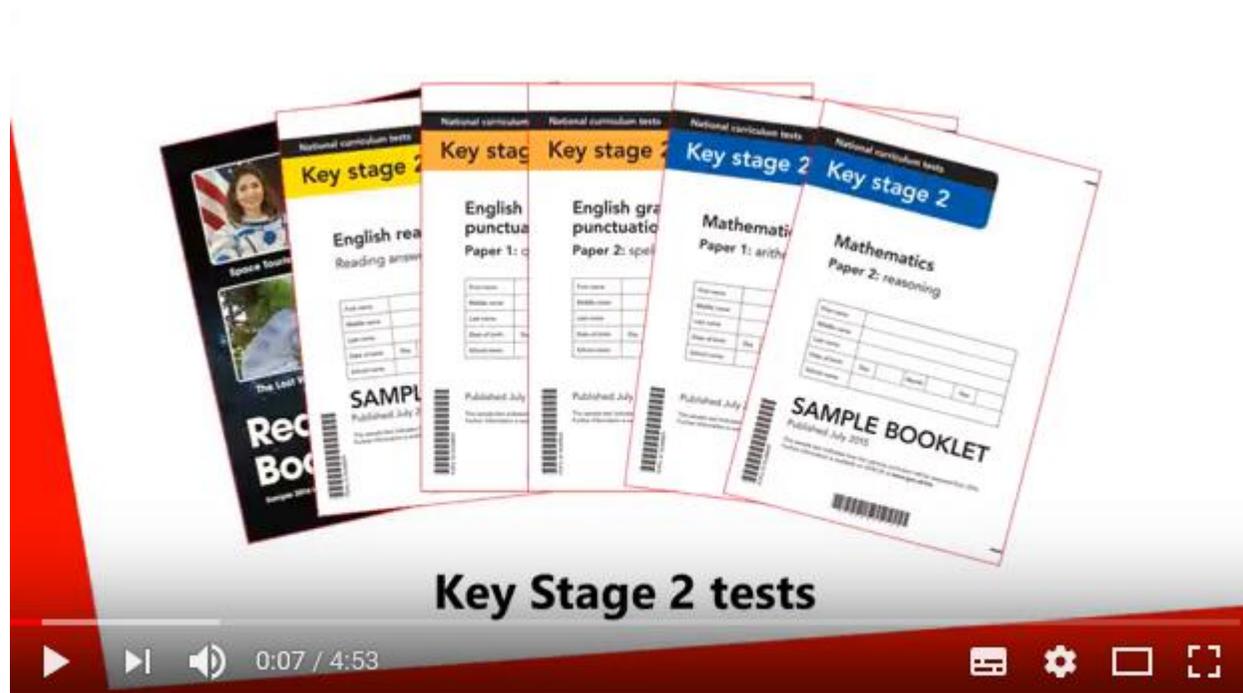


Useful websites for revision

- **Useful Website Revision Links**
- [Maths revision](#)
- [Maths Revision Above ARE](#) Use these if you want a real challenge
- [Grammar Revision](#)
- [Grammar Revision Above ARE](#) Use these if you really want to challenge yourself
- **Useful Grammar Terminology with definitions**
- [Grammar revision guide for KS2 GAPS test.docx](#)
- [Glossary-of-Grammar-Terms-Year-6.pdf](#)
- **Help with Spelling**
- [years-5-and-6-spelling-words.docx](#)
- [Year-5-and-6-Spelling-Test-Practice-Pack \(1\).pdf](#)
- **Year 3 and 4 Spellings**
- [Spelling-List-Years-3-And-4.pdf](#)
- [Year-3-and-4-Spelling-Test-Practice-Pack.pdf](#)
- [Spelling Games](#) There are lots of activities here which will help you with your spelling



Just to recap, short video...



2018 Key Stage 2 tests

Even though this clip related to the 2018 cycle, there have been no changes so the information remains accurate.

Thank you for attending.
We hope you found it useful.

If you have any further questions you can arrange to speak to your child's class teacher or you can email our Upper Key Stage Two email address.

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