

KS2 SATs Assessment Guide for Parents and Carers

Key Stage 2 SATs take place nationally in the week commencing 8th May 2017.

Statutory tests will be administered as below. All tests are externally marked.

Monday 8th May 2017	English Reading (1 hour)
Tuesday 9th May 2017	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions (45 mins)
	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling (20 mins)
Wednesday 10th May 2017	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic (30 mins)
	Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning (40 mins)
Thursday 11th May 2017	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning (40 mins)

How to Help Your Child

First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and that they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!

- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) 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).
- Make sure your child has a good sleep each night! Children are also invited to come into school from 8am for breakfast in school, where we will be there to help them prepare for the day ahead.

How to Help Your Child with Reading

Listening to your child read can take many forms:

- First and foremost, focus on developing an enjoyment and love of reading.
- Enjoy stories together – reading stories to your child is equally as important as listening to your child read.
- Read a little at a time but often, rather than rarely but for long periods of time!
- Talk about the story before, during and afterwards – discuss the plot, the characters, their feelings and actions, how it makes you feel, predict what will happen and encourage your child to have their own opinions.
- Look up definitions of words together – you could use a dictionary, the Internet or an app on a phone or tablet.
- All reading is valuable – it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything from fiction and non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programmes, TV guides.
- Visit the local library - it's free!

How to Help Your Child with Writing

- Practise and learn weekly spelling lists – make it fun!
- Encourage opportunities for writing such as letters to family or friends, shopping lists, notes or reminders, stories and poems.
- Write together – be a good role model for writing.
- Encourage use of a dictionary to check spelling and a thesaurus to find synonyms and expand vocabulary.
- Allow your child to use a computer for word processing, which will allow for editing and correcting of errors without lots of crossing out.
- Remember that good readers become good writers! Identify good writing features when reading (e.g. vocabulary, sentence structure and punctuation).
- Children can login to spag.com to practise for their GPS tests too!

How to Help Your Child with Maths

- Play mental maths/ times tables games including counting in different amounts, forwards and backwards.
- Encourage opportunities for telling the time.
- Encourage opportunities for counting coins and money; finding amounts or calculating change when shopping.
- Identify, weigh or measure quantities and amounts in the kitchen or in recipes.
- Play games involving numbers or logic, such as dominoes, card games, darts, draughts and chess.
- Use educationcity.com logins and focus on areas children are less confident with.