



KS2 SATs
Presentation
for Parents &
Carers
2024

## What are the SATs?

- SATs are the Standardised Assessment Tests that are given to children at the end of Key Stage 2.
- The SATs take place over four days, starting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 ending on Thursday 16th May.
- The SATs papers consist of:
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation/ Spelling) – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling test) Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May
  - Reading Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May
  - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May
  - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May
  - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May
  - Writing is assessed using evidence collected throughout Year 6. There is no Year 6 SATs writing test.

The key stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates unless your child is absent, in which case they may be able to take them up to 5 school days afterwards.

# When and how the SATs are

- Completed?
   The tests take place during normal school hours, under exam conditions.
- Children are not allowed to talk to each other from the moment the assessments are handed out until they are collected at the end of the test.
- After the tests are completed, the papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- The results are then sent to the school in July.
- Each test lasts no longer than 60 minutes:
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 1: Grammar/ Punctuation) – 45 minutes
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar (paper 2: Spelling) 15 minutes
  - Reading 60 minutes
  - Maths (paper 1: Arithmetic) 30 minutes
  - Maths (paper 2: Reasoning) 40 minutes
  - Maths (paper 3: Reasoning) 40 minutes

Tests are marked externally. Once marked, the tests will be given the following scores:

- A raw score (total number of marks achieved for each paper);
- A scaled score (see below);
- A judgement as to whether the National Standard has been met.

After marking each test, the external marker will convert the raw score to a scaled score. Even though the tests are made to the same standard each year, the questions must be different. This means the difficulty of the tests may vary. Scaled scores ensures an accurate comparison of performance over time.

Scaled scores range from 80 to 120.

A scaled score of 100 or more shows the pupil is meeting the National Standard.

### What are the national trends?

For 2023, the average scaled scores for each subject were:

Reading – 105, Maths – 104 and GPS – 105

When looking at how many children have succeeded in reaching the expected standards for reading, writing, GPS and maths, the results were:

National average for **reading** – 73%



National average for **maths** – 73%

National average for **writing** (teacher-assessed) - 71%

# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar consists of two papers.

- Paper 1 focuses on all three elements (spelling, punctuation and grammar). The paper lasts for 45 minutes.
- Paper 2 consists of a spelling test only. It should take approximately 15 minutes, although this is not a set amount of time (pupils should be given as much time as they need to complete the test).

# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 1

The children have been working hard to develop and secure their knowledge of the technical vocabulary needed in this test and SPaG.com homework reinforces this.

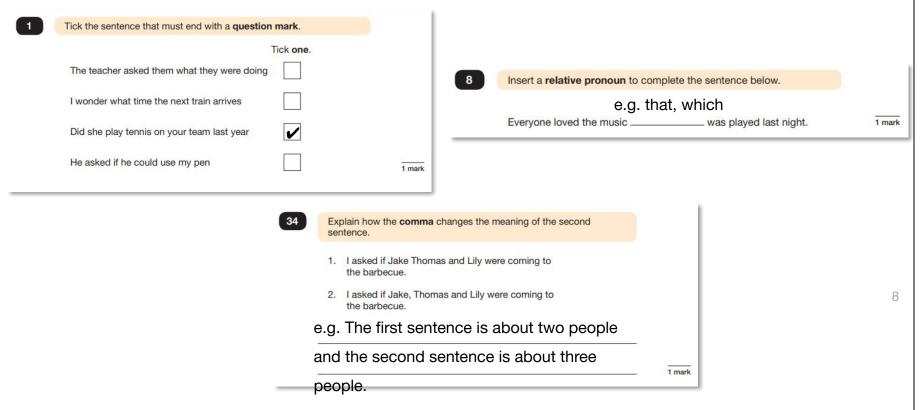
#### This test focuses on:

- Grammatical terms/ word classes;
- Functions of sentences;
- Combining words, phrases and clauses;
- Verb forms, tenses and consistency;
- Punctuation;
- Vocabulary;
- Standard English and formality.

This test requires a range of answer types (circling, drawing lines to connect, multiple choice, one word answers, short answers) but does not require longer formal answers.

# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 1

### Example questions:



# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 2

Paper 2 is a shorter paper that focuses solely on spellings.

Example questions:

#### Spelling task

- 1. The dragon is an imaginary \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. There was \_\_\_\_\_\_ food for everyone.
- 3. My little brother is in \_\_\_\_\_ class.

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## Year 3 and 4 Statutory Spellings

accident	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
accidentally	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actual	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
actually	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
address	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	although
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	thought
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	through
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	various
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	weight
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	woman
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	women
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	
calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight	



## Year 5 and 6 Statutory Spellings

accommodate	category	determined	forty	marvellous	programme	soldier
accompany	cemetery	develop	frequently	mischievous	pronunciation	stomach
according	committee	dictionary	government	muscle	queue	sufficient
achieve	communicate	disastrous	guarantee	necessary	recognise	suggest
aggressive	community	embarrass	harass	neighbour	recommend	symbol
amateur	competition	environment	hindrance	nuisance	relevant	system
ancient	conscience	equipment	identity	occupy	restaurant	temperature
apparent	conscious	equipped	immediate	occur	rhyme	thorough
appreciate	controversy	especially	immediately	opportunity	rhythm	twelfth
attached	convenience	exaggerate	individual	parliament	sacrifice	variety
available	correspond	excellent	interfere	persuade	secretary	vegetable
average	criticise	existence	interrupt	physical	shoulder	vehicle
awkward	curiosity	explanation	language	prejudice	signature	yacht
bargain	definite	familiar	leisure	privilege	sincere	
bruise	desperate	foreign	lightning	profession	sincerely	

## **SATs Spelling Words**

2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
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1. likely	1. thumb	1. creature	<ol> <li>ordering</li> </ol>	1. lamb
2. straight	2. trouble	2. enough	2. disrespect	2. touch
3. sensation	3. mixture	3. reception	3. special	3. numbered
4. nervous	4. portable	4. numb	4. couple	4. undrinkable
5. crumb	5. dough	5. division	5. measure	5. lyrics
6. probable	6. science	6. sighed	6. cough	6. ought
7. inspiring	7. attention	7. navigation	7. machine	7. misconduct
8. substance	8. obtained	8. thoughtful	8. invisible	8. glorious
9. operation	9. weightless	9. offered	9. banned	9. obey
10. toughest	10. council	10. muscle	10. television	10. official
11. bruise	11. suffered	11. curiously	11. character	11. unique
12. sensibly	12. typical	12. courage	12. caution	12. puncture
13. violence	13. usually	13. disagreement	13. syrup	13. steadily
14. disobeyed	14. cautious	14. pyramid	14. reluctantly	14. mechanic
15. thorough	15. essential	15. excellent	15. reference	15. preference
16. monarch	16. vague	16. generous	16. ridiculous	16. protein
17. sympathetic	17. adventurous	17. chorus	17. scenic	17.substantial
18.originally	18. architect	18. tongue	18. survey	18. scenario
19. percussion	19. descendant	19. accidentally	19. transferred	19. optician
20. coarse	20. inconceivable	20. deceive	20. receipt	20. currant

	KEY
sil	ent "b"
	suffix
_	ng /-ed suffix
	mophones
mi	s-/dis- prefix
-50	for s sound
-у	for short i sound
	on/sion/cian for n sound
-с	or -ce for s sound
-e	i / -ie long e sound
-01	u for short u
ab	le/ible words
	us ending
-c	h for short c sound
-ci	ial/-tial ending
ou	gh spelling

# Reading: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

There is one reading test that lasts for 60 minutes.

The test is designed to measure if the children's comprehension of age-appropriate reading material meets the national standard. There are three different set texts for children to read. These could be any combination of non-fiction, fiction and/ or poetry.

# The test covers the following areas (known as 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.

## Reading

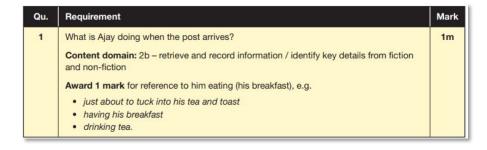
The reading SATs paper requires a range of

answer styles.

Questions 1 – 13 are about *The Park* (pages 4 – 5)

What is Ajay doing when the post arrives?

Ajay was just about to tuck into his tea and toast dripping in sour rhubarb jam when there was a loud clatter from the letterbox as an important-looking brown envelope landed on the mat. 'Bit early for the post isn't it?' Mum said. 'Ooh, it says Special Delivery.' Mum opened it, and unfolded the letter.



## Reading

Example questions:
Based on text 2: Fact
Sheet: About
Bumblebees



#### **Buzz pollination**

Only bumblebees are capable of buzz pollination. This is when the bee grabs the flower and produces a high-pitched buzz. This releases pollen that would otherwise stay trapped inside. Key ingredients in our diet such as tomatoes are pollinated in this way. Many other common foods such as beans and peas would also be harder to produce and much more expensive without British bumblebees.

In what way is buzz pollination more useful than other forms of pollination?

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Qu.	Requirement	Mark
19	In what way is buzz pollination more useful than other forms of pollination?	1m
	Content domain: 2b - retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction	
	Award 1 mark for reference to either of the following:	
	<ol> <li>it releases pollen that would otherwise stay inside the flower, e.g.</li> </ol>	
	<ul> <li>because it releases trapped pollen that they wouldn't have been able to get out</li> </ul>	
	it makes a buzz that gets more pollen than other bees do	
	it helps release more pollen.	
	2. key produce is more expensive / harder to get without it, e.g.	
	it makes some vegetables we eat easier to produce and sell a lot cheaper	
	it means we can buy more common foods cheaper	
	it would be harder to grow beans.	

## Reading

### Example questions: Based on text 3: Music Box

What impressions do you get of Piper's house?

Give **two** impressions, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

Impression	Evidence
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swer.	e inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with  Likely evidence  there are widening cracks in the planks in the ceiling she wishes she had a bigger work space she has to eat at the same table that she works at	Up t
(impressions) s rickety / old	there are widening cracks in the planks in the ceiling     she wishes she had a bigger work space	
N 1992-00	she wishes she had a bigger work space	
s small / tiny		
s warm / cosy	there is a fire / stove comfortable nest	
s untidy / cluttered	Piston rings, bolts, and cylinders littered its surface	
s old fashioned	no electricity / kerosene lamps / cast-iron stove	
s isolated	it is situated among fields     to go outside and watch the fields	
s safe	the storm coming outside is dangerous	
-	s old fashioned s isolated s safe 3 marks for two acc 2 marks for either two	s untidy / cluttered   Piston rings, bolts, and cylinders littered its surface  on electricity / kerosene lamps / cast-iron stove  it is situated among fields  to go outside and watch the fields

Since the current testing formation for the SATs began in 2016, there has been a tendency for three types of questions to be the most popular.

#### In the 2019 Reading SATs paper,

- 12% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving giving and explaining the meaning of words in context;
- 42% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving retrieving and recording information or identifying key details from a text;
- 36% of marks could be gained from answering questions involving making inferences from a text and justifying inferences with text evidence.

When reading with your child at home try focusing on these types of questions.

## Reading test analysis

Content domain	2023	2022	2019	2018	2017	2016
2a (vocabulary)	18%	10%	12%	20%	20%	20%
2b (retrieval)	32%	38%	42%	26%	28%	30%
2c (summarise)	2%	4%	2%	6%	4%	2%
2d (inference)	46%	44%	36%	44%	44%	36%
2e (predict)	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	6%
2f (narrative content)	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%
2g (enhancing meaning)	0%	0%	6%	0%	2%	4%
2h (comparisons)	0%	0%	2%	4%	0%	0%

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	20	2016 2017 2018		20	20	22	2023					
Extract	Words	Marks	w	М	w	М	w	М	w	М	w	М
First	384	16	602	15	560	17	633	14	474	16	627	14
Second	768	22	709	17	214	17	632	19	538	15	808	20
Third	635	12	626	18	714	16	903	17	541	19	611	16
Total	1,787	50	1,937	50	1,488	50	2,168	50	1,553	50	2,046	50
3m Qs	2 (secon	nd ex.)	2 (third	ex.)	2 (third	ex.)	2 (third	ex.)	2 (third	ex.)	2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> &	3rdex.)

Key: Fiction Non-fiction Poetry

# Reading stamina is important. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home.

- Extract 1 was the second wordiest extract 1 ever (closely beaten by 2019's Extract 1)
- · Extract 2 was the wordiest extract 2 ever
- · Extract 2 was the wordiest non-fiction extract ever
- · Extract 2 was the second wordiest extract ever
- · Extract 3 was one of the least wordy extract 3s (last year's was less wordy)
- The entire paper was the second wordiest paper ever (closely beaten by 2019's paper)

# Maths: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

The maths assessments consist of three tests.

- Paper 1: Arithmetic (30 minutes) Wednesday
   15<sup>th</sup> May
- Paper 2: Reasoning (40 minutes) Wednesday
   15<sup>th</sup> May

 Paper 3: Reasoning (40 minutes) – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May

## Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

The maths arithmetic paper has a total of 40 marks.

The test covers the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, including order of operations requiring BIDMAS), percentages of amounts and calculating with

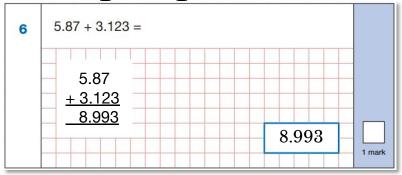
decimals and fractions.

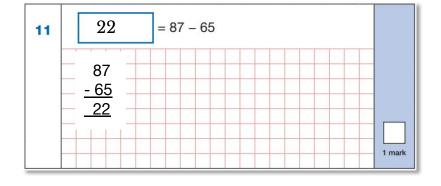
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Show your method									
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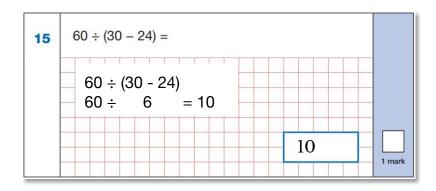
Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
23	Award <b>TWO</b> marks for the correct answer of 22,572	Up to 2m	
	If the answer is incorrect, award <b>ONE</b> mark for a formal method of long multiplication with no more than <b>ONE</b> arithmetic error, e.g.   836  × 27  5852  16720  22602 (error)		Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of <b>ONE</b> mark. <b>Do not</b> award any marks if the error is in the place value, e.g. the omission of the zero when multiplying by tens:  836 × 27
	• 836  × 27  5612 (error)  16720 22332		5852 1672 (place value error) 7524

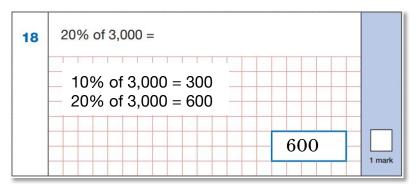
## Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

Example questions:



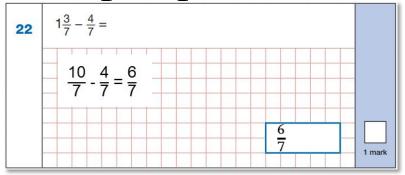


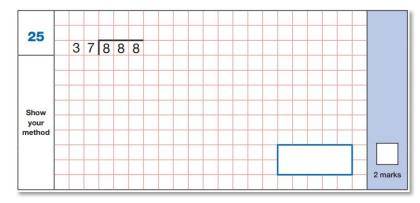




## Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic)

### Example questions:





Qu.	Requirement	Mark	Additional guidance
25	Award <b>TWO</b> marks for the correct answer of 24	Up to 2m	
	If the answer is incorrect, award <b>ONE</b> mark for the formal methods of division with no more than <b>ONE</b> arithmetic error, i.e.		Working must be carried through to reach a final answer for the award of <b>ONE</b> mark.
	<ul> <li>long division algorithm, e.g.</li> </ul>		
	23 r29 37   888 - 740		
	140 (error) - 111 29		
	OR 29		
	$ \begin{array}{r} 42 \ (error) \\ 37 \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \$		
	<ul> <li>short division algorithm, e.g.</li> <li>2 3 r27 (error)</li> <li>37 88<sup>14</sup>8</li> </ul>		Short division methods <b>must</b> be supported by evidence of appropriate carrying figures to indicate the use of a division algorithm, and be a complete method. The carrying figure <b>must</b> be less than the divisor.

Topic	Subtopic	Specific	2023 marks
Four operations	Addition and subtraction	Addition and subtraction	4
		Missing number	2
		Decimals	2
	Multiplication/	Using known facts	3
	division	Short division	3
		Long division	4
		Short multiplication	2
		Long multiplication	4
		x/ divide by 10, 100, 1000	2
		Decimals multiplied by integers	2
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# 40 marks in total

	Tractions	subtraction proper fractions	3
		Addition/ subtraction mixed fractions	1
		Fractions multiplied by integer	1
		Fractions multiplied by fractions	1
		Fractions divided by integer	2
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Percentages of amount

Addition/

Fractions

Fractions and percentages

# Maths Papers 2 and 3 (Reasoning)

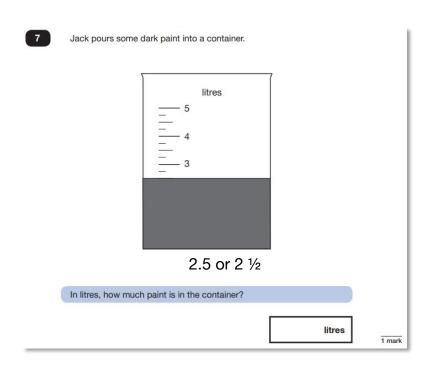
Paper 2 will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and paper 3 will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. These tests have a total of 35 marks each.

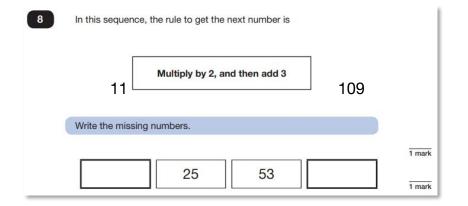
These papers require children to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning. They cover a wide range of mathematical topics from key stage 2 including,

- Number and place value (including Roman numerals);
- The four operations;
- Geometry (properties of shape, position and direction);
- Statistics;
- Measurement (length, perimeter, mass, volume, time, money);
- Algebra;
- Ratio and proportion;
- Fractions, decimals and percentages.

## Maths Papers 2 (Reasoning)

### Example questions:

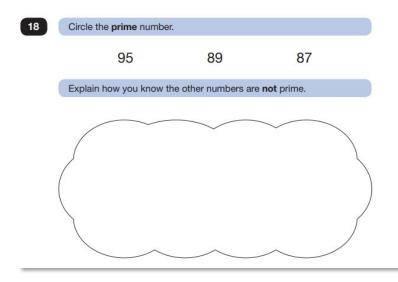




## Maths Papers 2 (Reasoning)

1 mark

### Example question:



Award **ONE** mark for a correct explanation of why the 95 **AND** 87 are **NOT** prime, e.g.

- 87 is divisible by 3 and/or 29 AND 95 is divisible by 5 and/or 19
- 87 is in the 3 times table AND 95 is in the 5 times table
- 95 is divisible by five because every number in the five times table ends in five or zero. 87 is divisible by three because 9 is in the three times table so is ninety. Ninety minus three is 87
- 8 + 7 = 15 and 15 is divisible by 3 AND 95 is divisible by 5

1m No mark is awarded for circling '89' alone.

Both non-primes must be explained correctly for the award of the mark.

**Do not** accept vague or incomplete explanations, e.g.

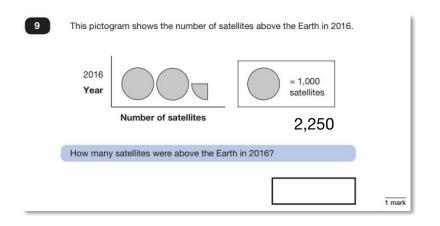
- The other 2 numbers have more than 2 factors (vague)
- 87 is divisible by 3 (incomplete).

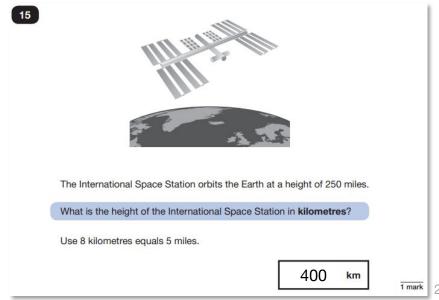
**Do not** accept explanations which include incorrect mathematics or incorrect information that is relevant to the explanation, e.g.

- 3 x 27 = 87
- · 89 has three factors
- no numbers go into 89

## Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

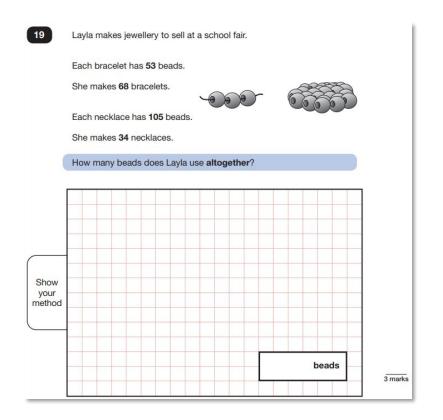
### Example questions:





# Maths Papers 3 (Reasoning)

### Example question:



u. Requiremer	t	Mark	Additional guidance
of 7,174  If the answer for:  • evidence method one arithout one	(error) $3570$ 04 + 3,570 = 7,074	3m	Answer need not be obtained for the award of <b>ONE</b> mark.  A misread of a number may affect the award of marks. No marks are awarded if there is more than one misread or if the mathematics is simplified. <b>TWO</b> marks will be awarded if an appropriate method with the misread number is followed through correctly. <b>ONE</b> mark will be awarded for evidence of an appropriate method with the misread number followed through correctly with no more than one arithmetic error.

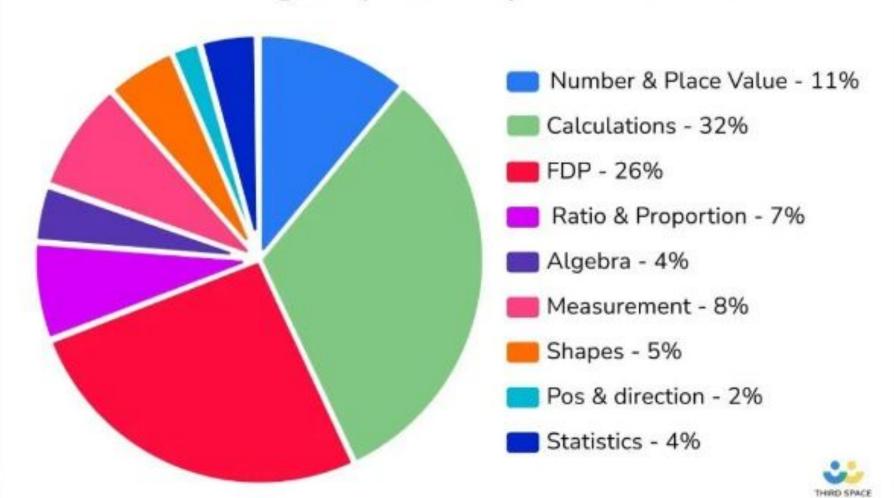
KS2 Maths SATS papers analysis	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
% required to reach the 'expected level'	52	55	53	53	ТВС
% of questions from Y3 to Y5 curricular	58	53	52	63	64

#### KS2 Maths SATS papers analysis

Percentage of questions from each year group curriculum across Arithmetic and Reasoning

Year	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
Year 3	7	9	10	8	12%
Year 4	26	18	21	23	20%
Year 5	25	26	21	32	32%
Year 6	41	47	47	37	36%

#### KS2 Maths SATs papers analysis (2023) Percentage of questions by content domain



#### KS2 Maths SATs analysis by @\_MissieBee Percentage of questions by content domain

Content domain	2016	2017	2018	2019	2022	2023
Number & PV	17	9	10	9	9	10
Calculations	17	22	29	30	38	36
FDP	15	14	14	24	25	26
Ratio & prop.	4	9	6	8	6	5
Algebra	8	9	9	6	3	3
Measurement	15	14	13	9	7	8
Shapes	12	9	10	7	6	7
Pos. & direction	4	3	4	3	2	2
Statistics	8	11	6	4	3	2

#### Working towards the expected standard

#### The pupil can:

- · write for a range of purposes
- use paragraphs to organise ideas
- in narratives, describe settings and characters
- in non-narrative writing, use simple devices to structure the writing and support the reader (e.g. headings, sub-headings, bullet points)
- use capital letters, full stops, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contraction mostly correctly
- spell correctly most words from the year 3 / year 4 spelling list, and some words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list\*

legibly.<sup>1</sup>



#### Working at the expected standard

#### The pupil can:

- write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting language that shows good awareness of the reader (e.g. the use of the first person in a diary; direct address in instructions and persuasive writing)
- · in narratives, describe settings, characters and atmosphere
- integrate dialogue in narratives to convey character and advance the action
- select vocabulary and grammatical structures that reflect what the writing requires, doing this mostly appropriately (e.g. using contracted forms in dialogues in narrative; using passive verbs to affect how information is presented; using modal verbs to suggest degrees of possibility)
- use a range of devices to build cohesion (e.g. conjunctions, adverbials of time and place, pronouns, synonyms) within and across paragraphs
- · use verb tenses consistently and correctly throughout their writing
- use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 mostly correctly<sup>^</sup> (e.g. inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech)
- spell correctly most words from the year 5 / year 6 spelling list,\* and use a dictionary to check the spelling of uncommon or more ambitious vocabulary
  - maintain legibility in joined handwriting when writing at speed.2

KS2 Writing

#### Working at greater depth

#### The pupil can:

- write effectively for a range of purposes and audiences, selecting the appropriate form and drawing independently on what they have read as models for their own writing (e.g. literary language, characterisation, structure)
- distinguish between the language of speech and writing<sup>3</sup> and choose the appropriate register
- exercise an assured and conscious control over levels of formality, particularly through manipulating grammar and vocabulary to achieve this
- use the range of punctuation taught at key stage 2 correctly (e.g. semi-colons, dashes, colons, hyphens) and, when necessary, use such punctuation precisely to anhance meaning and avoid ambiguity.

e no additional statements for spelling or handwriting]







# How to help your child with reading

- Focus on developing an enjoyment and love of reading. Enjoy stories together reading stories to your child at KS1 and KS2 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 patterns and National Curriculum words.
- Encourage opportunities for writing such as letters to family or friends, shopping lists, notes or reminders, stories or 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, punctuation).

## How to help your child with maths

- Use Mathletics & TTRS to encourage daily practice.
- Play times tables games and mental maths games including counting in different amounts, forwards and backwards.
- Encourage opportunities for telling the time and opportunities for counting coins and money; finding amounts or calculating change when shopping.
- Look for examples of 2D and 3D shapes around the home.
- Identify, weigh or measure quantities and amounts in the kitchen or in recipes. Talk about scaling recipes up and down depending on portions needed.
- Play games involving numbers or logic, such as dominoes, card games, darts, draughts or chess.

## Things to remember about SATs

#### SATs focus on what children know about Maths and English.

They will not reflect how talented they are at science, geography, art, PE..., and they certainly won't highlight all of their amazing personal characteristics.

#### SATs don't tell the whole story.

Their results will say if they did or did not meet a certain standard but not necessarily by what margin. These thresholds change each year according to the overall national performance, so what was classed as 'meeting the expected standard' this year might not be the same as last year.

#### SATs are only four days out of a whole Primary School career.

In reality, there's one or two papers each day that last 30 to 60 minutes.

# What to do if you are worried about your child

SATs often induce a certain degree of worry or anxiety but there is, of course, a tipping point.

#### SATs anxiety should not:

- Affect a child's appetite
- Affect a child's sleep
- Affect a child's personality
- Induce panic, tears or disengagement from lessons
- Be a reason not to attend school.

If any of the above are evident, SATs may be causing an excessive degree of anxiety and your child may benefit from some additional support. This isn't about removing the reality of SATs but rather equipping your 10 or 11 year old with the ability to better cope with the situation.

# What to do if you are worried about your child

#### Talk to us

Sometimes concerns present at home and not at school. If you notice a change in your child, talk to us so that everyone concerned can offer the support needed.

#### Talk to your child

Talk to your child about what aspect of SATs concerns them the most. If you can help them pinpoint what is bothering them the most, you can take specific steps to help reassure them.

#### Try not to project your own anxieties or views about the SATs

Children can be very intuitive. If they see that you are anxious, this could add to their own anxieties. Similarly, if you don't believe in SATs, your child may reflect this view.

## Advice for Year 6 children

- Listen to your teachers!
- The adults you work with all want you to do your best.
- Get plenty of sleep and eat well, this will help your brain.
- Read all the questions carefully. This can help you to avoid silly mistakes.
- Don't panic. There may be questions you think you can't answer. Take a deep breath. Read it again. You can always move on and go back to it later. It's often better to write something rather than nothing.
- Remember that the Year 6 SATs last for 4 days out of your whole life!
- "Stay focused in class so you don't have loads of extra studying to do at home!" Year 7 pupil's advice.

## What to do if you are unwell?

- If your child is well enough to take the test, they should come in to school.
- They are able to bring cough sweets and tissues if they need to.
- If your child is not fit to take the test, due to an illness or accident, please inform us as early as possible.

## Breakfast Club

• Come and join us for breakfast in the classroom for SATs week. For a small charge, you will be provided with orange or apple juice, a choice of pastries and fruit.

• Children who do not want breakfast, but still want to come in early are welcome

from 8:15am.







Thank you for listening

