

# Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Assessments

Information and Guidance on the Changes and Expectations for 2017/18

## Teacher Assessment

At the end of Year 2, I have to assess whether your child has:

- Met the expected standard;
- Exceeded the expected standard ;
- Or is working towards the expected standard.

This decision is based on a wide range of evidence.

The SAT tests make up part of the evidence.

## The Tests

At the end of Year 2, children will take SATS in:

- Reading X 2
- Maths X 2

The tests will take place in May.

<https://michaelt1979.wordpress.com/2016/01/23/ks-tests-a-video-for-parents/>

## Reading

The Reading Test consists of two separate papers:

- Paper 1 – Contains a selection of texts totalling between 400 and 700 words with questions about the text.
- Paper 2 – Contains a reading booklet of a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children will write their answers to questions about the passage in a separate booklet.
- The level equates to a child reading and understanding White Band.
- Questions are designed to assess the comprehension and understanding of a child's reading.

## How to Help Your Child with 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.
- Remind them of our Reading Rainbow- motivate them to read.
- Support them when sounding out by breaking the word into chunks.
- Talk about the story before, during and afterwards
- Look up new words together – you could use a dictionary, the Internet or an app on a phone or tablet.
- Practise using expression.
- Visit the local library ☺

## Mathematics

Children will sit two tests: Paper 1 and Paper 2:

- Paper 1 is for arithmetic.
- Paper 2 covers problem solving, reasoning and mathematical fluency
- One of the biggest changes is children are no longer allowed resources to do the tests.
- The children can have the paper read to them.
- All the work in their book over the year is taken into consideration.
- Work must be independent though- assisted work cannot be counted

## How to Help Your Child with Maths

- Play times tables games.
- Practise the Mental Maths focus from their homework sheet.
- Get them to be the teacher- show me how you...
- Encourage opportunities for telling the time. An analogue watch makes a great birthday present 😊
- Encourage opportunities for counting coins and money e.g. 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, draughts or chess.
- Get them to play times table rock stars and do their Mathematics activities.

## How to Help Your Child with Writing

- Practise and learn weekly spelling lists – make it fun!
- Please, please, please help your child learn their flashcards.
- 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.
- Good readers become good writers! Identify good writing features when reading (e.g. vocabulary, sentence structure, punctuation).
- Model back incorrect grammar in speech.
- Praise and encourage, even for small successes!

## How to Help Your Child

- Support and Praise 😊
- I try not tell the children they're doing SATS. They're 'showing off' what they know and must try their best.
- Make sure your child has a good sleep and healthy breakfast every morning!

Any questions?