

Primrose Hill Primary School

Key Stage 1 SATS Information for Parents & Carers

As you will know, in the summer term 2016, children at the end of Key Stage 1 (Y2) will undergo the new Standardised Assessment Test (SATs) process. SATs this year has been overhauled in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to reflect the changes to the National Curriculum, which was introduced from September 2014. All children in Y2 across the country will go through the same process and be tested in.

- **Reading**
- **English grammar, punctuation and spelling**
- **Maths**

Reading

The new reading test for Y2 pupils will involve two separate papers:

- Paper 1 consists of a selection of texts totalling 400 to 700 words, with comprehension questions interspersed
- Paper 2 comprises a reading booklet of a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children will write their answers in a separate booklet

Each paper should take around 30 minutes, but children will not be strictly timed, as the tests are not intended to assess children's ability to work at speed.

The texts in the reading papers will cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, and will get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test. Teachers or adults working with the children will have the option to stop at any point that they feel is appropriate for a particular child.

There will be a variety of question types:

- **Multiple choice**
- **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. 'Number the events below to show in which order they happened in the story'
- **Matching**, e.g. 'Match the character to the job that they do in the story'
- **Labelling**, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title'
- **Find and copy**, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that shows what the weather was like in the story'
- **Short answer**, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- **Open-ended answer**, e.g. 'Why did Lucy write the letter to her grandmother? Give two reasons'

The children are used to these types of questions through our Guided Reading sessions, home learning and undergoing practice type questions based on the SATS layouts

English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

Children taking Key Stage 1 SATs will sit two separate papers in grammar, spelling and punctuation:

- Paper 1: a 20-word spelling test taking approximately 15 minutes.
- Paper 2: a grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test, in two sections of around 10 minutes each. This will involve a mixture of selecting the right answers e.g. through multiple choice, and writing short answers.

Maths

The new Key Stage 1 maths test will comprise two papers:

- **Paper 1:** arithmetic, worth 25 marks and taking around 15 minutes.
- **Paper 2:** mathematical fluency, problem-solving and reasoning, worth 35 marks and taking 35 minutes, with a break if necessary.

There will be a variety of question types: multiple choice, matching, true/false, constrained (e.g. completing a chart or table; drawing a shape) and less constrained (e.g. where children have to show or explain their method). Children will not be able to use any tools such as calculators or number lines.

At Primrose Hill, we have organised the administration of the tests throughout May. Although the tests are set externally, they will be marked by teachers within the school. Instead of the old national curriculum levels, children will be given a standardised score – although this may not be communicated to parents. Teacher assessments will also be used to build up a picture of your child's learning and achievements. In addition, your child will receive an overall result saying whether they have achieved the required standard in the tests.

Other national curriculum subjects, including writing, speaking and listening, science and computing, will be assessed by your Rhiannon and Becca based on their work throughout the year.

What is important to remember is that we know your children very well and the testing process works alongside our own professional teacher judgement.

Don't Worry!

We will be holding a Key Stage 1 SATS Meeting for Parents & Carers on **Friday 15th May at 9am** and 3pm to go over this information and outline how you can help your child at home.

Robin, Rhiannon & Becca