

Primrose Hill Primary School

Key Stage 2 SATS Information for Parents & Carers

As you will know, in the summer term 2016, children at the end of Key Stage 2 (Y6) 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.

SATS week is the week beginning Monday 9th May 2016.

The previous national curriculum levels have been scrapped, and instead children will be given scaled scores. You will be given your child's raw score (the actual number of marks they get), alongside their scaled score and whether they have reached the national average. The score needed to reach the national average has not yet been announced by the Government

All children in Y6 across the country will go through the same process and be tested in:

- **Reading**
- **Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar**
- **Maths**

Reading

The reading test will be 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:

- **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- **Labelling**, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- **Find and copy**, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- **Short constructed response**, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- **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 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

The grammar, punctuation and spelling test will consist 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.'

Maths

Children will sit three papers in maths:

- Paper 1: **arithmetic**, 30 minutes
- Papers 2 and 3: **reasoning**, 40 minutes per paper

Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division. Papers 2 and 3 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

At Primrose Hill, we will organise the administration of the tests as laid out in the Government guidance:

Monday 9th May	Tuesday 10th May	Wednesday 11th May	Thursday 12th May
Reading Test	Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Tests	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic Maths Paper 2 - Reasoning	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning

We will also be doing a breakfast each morning of that week to make sure the children have a healthy and nutritious start to their day.

It is really important the children are in school every day and on time next term.

We will be holding a Key Stage 2 SATS Meeting for Parents & Carers on **Monday 18th April** at 9am and 3pm to go over this information and outline how you can help your child at home.

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