

Y6 SATs Information

24th January 2024



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What are SATs and when do they take place?

- ▶ SATs is a term people use to refer to End of Key Stage 2 Assessments
- ▶ It lasts for four days beginning on **Monday 13th May 2024** and ending on **Thursday 16th May 2024**.
- ▶ Children will sit the following SATs papers:

Monday 13th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)

Tuesday 14th May: English reading paper

Wednesday 15th May: mathematics papers 1(arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)

Thursday 16th May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

- ▶ Writing and Science are assessed using evidence collected by the class teacher. These are submitted to the Department for Education.



Administering SATs

- ▶ The tests will 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 after the test has ended
- ▶ Afterwards, the completed papers are sent away to be marked externally
- ▶ The children's results are sent back to school at some point in July
- ▶ Results will be sent to parents by the school with the end of year reports.
- ▶ The standard timings of tests differ but last no more than 60 minutes
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1) – 45 minutes;
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 2) – 15 minutes;
Reading – 60 minutes;
Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) – 30 minutes;
Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes;
Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning) – 40 minutes.

Specific Arrangements

- ▶ Children with additional needs, who have similar provision in their day-to-day learning at school, may be allotted specific arrangements, including:
 - Additional (extra) time;
 - Tests being opened early to be modified or enlarged;
 - An adult to read for them;
 - An adult to scribe (write) for them;
 - Written or spoken translations of the mathematics reasoning papers;
 - The use of prompts or rest breaks;
 - Arrangements for children who are ill or injured at the time of the tests.

Results

- ▶ Once marked, the tests will be given a raw score:
- ▶ Each raw score will then be converted into a scaled score to show whether each child is working below, at or above the national standard.
- ▶ When the scaled score is given, it is given in a range from 80 to 120.
- ▶ **A scaled score of 100 or more is meeting the national standard.**
- ▶ The number of marks needed on each paper to obtain a score of 100 will change each year, depending on the difficulty of the paper.
- ▶ There are no separate tests for higher achieving pupils; however, **a scaled score of 110 and above would show that a child is working above the national standard.**
- ▶ A child awarded a scaled score of less than 100 is judged to have not yet met the national standard and performed below expectation for their age.

Reading SAT

- ▶ The Reading Test consists of a single test paper with three unrelated reading texts.
- ▶ Children are given 60 minutes in total, which includes reading the texts and answering the questions.
- ▶ A total of 50 marks are available.
- ▶ Questions are designed to assess the comprehension and understanding of a child's reading.
- ▶ Some questions are multiple choice or selected response, others require short answers and some require an extended response or explanation.
- ▶ In this test, the teachers are not able to read anything to the children to help their understanding.



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Sample questions

- ▶ Reading Paper
- ▶ Sample question, based on Text 1 – *Space Tourism*:

How would you get to your space hotel?

In the future there may be hotels in space for all the tourists. It wouldn't take long for the space shuttle to get out of the Earth's atmosphere. Then, without Earth's gravity, you would become weightless. Arrival at the hotel would be like an aeroplane parking at an airport, but you would leave the cabin floating along the access tube, holding on to a cable.

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How would you get from the spacecraft to the space hotel?

1 mark

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar SAT

- ▶ A Spelling Test is administered containing 20 words, lasting approximately 15 minutes.
- ▶ A separate test is given on Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar which gives a total of 50 marks.
- ▶ This test lasts for 45 minutes and requires short answer questions, including some multiple choice.
- ▶ Marks for these two tests are added together to give a total out of 70 for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.



Sample questions

► Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 1

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Tick the sentence that must end with a **question mark**.

What I wanted had already sold out

Ask Ryan what he thinks about it

What time will the film start

I didn't know what to say

1 mark

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Circle one verb in each underlined pair to complete the sentences using **Standard English**.

We was / were planning to hold a cake sale at school.

I was / were chosen to design the posters.

1 mark

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Draw a line to match each word to its correct **antonym**.

Word

meandering

sympathetic

evade

plausible

Antonym

confront

unfeeling

unbelievable

straight

1 mark

Sample questions

- ▶ Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar: Paper 2

19. Omar put the cutlery back in the _____.

20. Ellen's gold bracelet was her most treasured _____.

Spelling 19: The word is **drawer**.

Omar put the cutlery back in the **drawer**.

The word is **drawer**.

Spelling 20: The word is **possession**.

Ellen's gold bracelet was her most treasured **possession**.

The word is **possession**.

Mathematics SAT

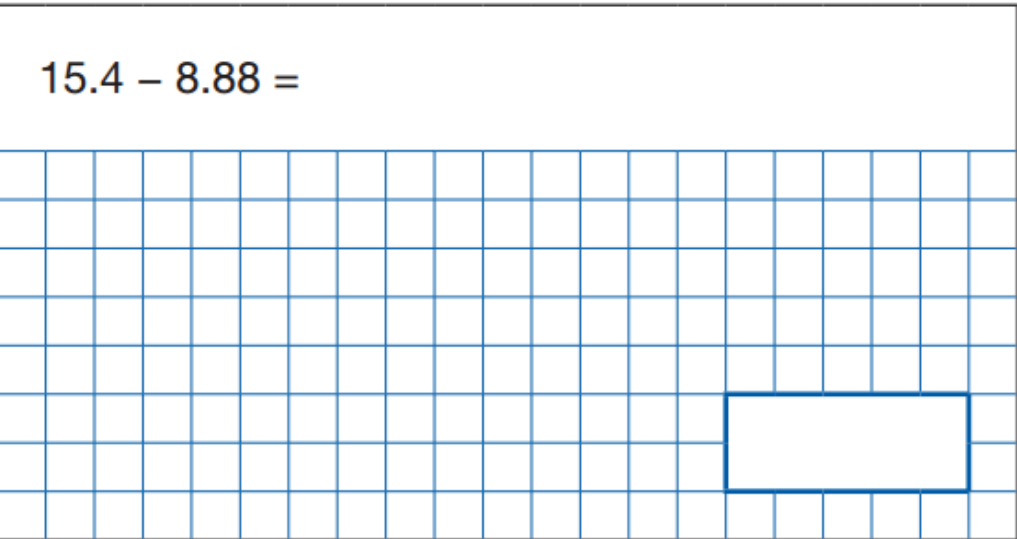
- ▶ Children will sit three tests: Paper 1, Paper 2 and Paper 3.
- ▶ Paper 1 is 'Arithmetic' and lasts for 30 minutes, covering calculation methods for all operations, including the use of fractions, percentages and decimals.
- ▶ Questions do not necessarily increase in difficulty throughout the paper as the objectives being tested have been taught across Years 3-6.
- ▶ Papers 2 and 3 cover 'Problem Solving and Reasoning', each lasting for 40 minutes.
- ▶ Pupils will still require calculation skills but will need to answer questions in context and decide what is required to find a solution.



Sample questions

- ▶ Maths Paper 1
- ▶ Arithmetic
- Four operations, including decimals
- Fractions
- Percentages

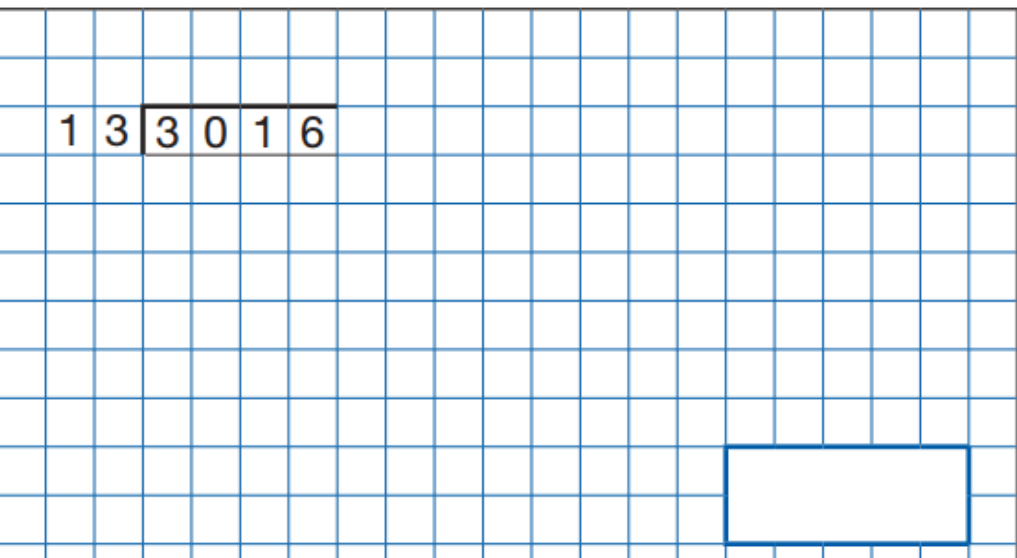
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1 mark

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Show your method



2 marks

► Maths Paper 2/Paper 3: Reasoning

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Here is a rule for the time it takes to cook a chicken.

**Cooking time = 20 minutes plus an extra
40 minutes for each kilogram**

How many minutes will it take to cook a 3 kg chicken?

minutes

1 mark

What is the mass of a chicken that takes 100 minutes to cook?

kg

1 mark

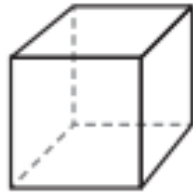


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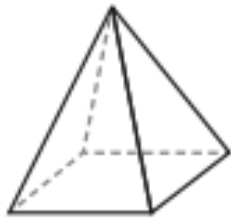
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Here are diagrams of some 3-D shapes.

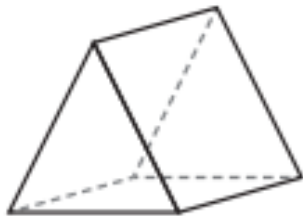
Tick each shape that has the same number of faces as vertices.



Cube



Square-based pyramid



Triangular prism



Triangular-based pyramid

2 marks

Homework

- ▶ To support pupils with preparing for SATs and secondary school, we have purchased a set of CGP revision books.
- ▶ Specific pages from each book are set as homework on a Monday and this is marked in class the following Monday to allow an opportunity to discuss any misconceptions.
- ▶ The activities are designed to be completed in 10 minutes but this is just a guide.
- ▶ Can be completed as one book a night to keep time expectations short whilst preparing pupils for increased homework demands to come at secondary school.
- ▶ The answers are at the back of each book – you may wish to remove these pages from your child’s copy!



KS2 SATs

How to support your child

- ▶ First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and 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 set.
- ▶ **Reading, spelling and times tables are always good to practise.** There are lots of online games and apps which can support their learning e.g. Times Tables Rock Stars.
- ▶ 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 night's sleep and healthy breakfast every morning.

Please don't use past papers - we use them in school to assess pupils progress in preparation for the SATs. If you are using a private tutor, please make sure they are not using past papers.

Any questions?



Important dates

- ▶ SATs begin on Monday 13th May and finish on Thursday 16th May

- ▶ From the Monday to Thursday in SATs week, we will run a breakfast from 8.15am.

Sample papers

- ▶ We have some sample papers available for you to have a look at from previous years.
- ▶ We will be around if you would like to ask any one-to-one questions