

Parents' SATs Meeting



27th March 2014

Aims of the session

- To share important information about KS2
 SATs
- To answer any questions about KS2 SATs
- Discuss / share ideas about how you as a parent can help your child at home

What are KS2 SATs?

- Standard Assessment Tests
- •All children have to be tested before they go to senior school
- Provide assessment information for senior schools

Purpose - assign National Curriculum levels
 to children before they leave primary school

What level should Y6 children be at?

Level 2 - these children will not be entered for the tests

- Level 3 below age related expectation
- Level 4 age related expectation (4b)
- Level 5 above age related expectation

What other information do senior schools want?

- SATs results
- Teacher assessments

Tests administered by the senior schools



What does teacher assessment involve, and is it different from testing?

•Teacher assessment draws together everything the teacher or teachers know about a child, including observations, marked work and school assessments.

•Teacher assessment is not a 'snapshot' like tests and is therefore more reliable.

•There can be a difference between teacher assessment results and test levels.

How is SATs week organised?

•A timetable is issued to school, telling us on which days/sessions tests must be administered.

- •All children must sit the tests at the same time.
- •Test papers can only be opened 1 hour before the tests begin.
- •Tests are completed in classrooms, with any displays that may help covered over.

•Children are divided into groups for test administration to ensure they are properly supported and feel secure.

Sample SATs Timetable

Year 6 SATs Week 12th - 16th May 2014

Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday	Thursday 15th	Friday 16 th
May	May	14th May	May	May
English - Reading Test	English – Grammar, punctuation and spelling test	Mental Maths Test Maths Test A	Maths Test B	

During SATs week:



•Please ensure that your child is in school every day during SATs week.

•Ensure that they are in school <u>on time</u>

 Please don't book anything during this week e.g. doctor's appointments, holidays etc

•If your child is ill, let us know immediately.



English SATs consist of:

- A reading test
- •A grammar, punctuation and spelling test





- •Format of this has changed this year.
- •1 hour to read booklet and answer questions.
- •There will be 3 texts and sets of questions which are all different difficulty levels.
 - •There are a variety of different questions to be answered in different ways
 - •Children cannot have any adult help in this test





•There are 4 main types of questions on the reading paper:

- •Literal answer is there in the text
- <u>Deductive</u> look for clues
- •Inferential read between the lines
- <u>Authorial intent</u> e.g. why does an author use a particular word



Sentence from: 'A Day in the English Countryside'



As the afternoon light started to fade, the cow stopped eating grass, stood instead with its head over the gate and gazed expectantly down the lane.

- 1. How light was it? (Literal)
- 2. What three things did the cow do? (Literal)
- 3. What time of day was it? (Deductive)
- 4. Where was the cow? (Deductive)
- 5. What do you think the cow was expecting? (Inferential)
- 6. What strategies does the writer use to give the reader so much information in a single sentence? (Authorial intent)



How can parents help with reading?



- Ensure your child reads every night!
- Encourage them to read fiction and non-fiction.
- Try to ask them questions about the text.
- Help them with the different skills of reading especially 'skim' reading where they are looking for key words in the text.
- Speed reading



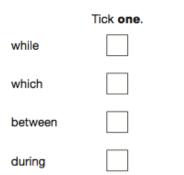
- New for 2013 •
- 45 minutes test on grammar

Circle all the **adverbs** in the sentence below.

Open the drawers carefully and quietly when using the filing cabinet.

Tick one word to complete the sentence below.

Michael and Kate read their books they ate their sandwiches.



Draw lines to match each sentence with the most likely final punctuat Sentence

Look out

How are you doing

January is the first month of the year

Punctuation

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- Spelling test is separate.
- Worth 20 marks out of 70.
- Can affect the overall level obtained.



How can parents help with writing?



•Again, reading a variety of texts - the more children read, the more familiar they become with different text types

Spelling/comprehension homework

 Encouraging your child to complete all homework and discussing their work with them.





Mathematics SATs consist of:

•A mental mathematics test.

This is a 20 minute orally delivered, taped assessment. The mental mathematics test has a subject weighting of 20%.

•Two written test papers

Test A and Test B

This year, there will not be a calculator test.





•Some questions are worth one mark and therefore accuracy is important.

•Other questions are worth two marks and even if the answer is wrong, a mark may be given for correct working.

•Teachers may read questions in both written papers to pupils if asked.



Typical mental maths questions



5 second questions:

What is double ninety? What time is it half an hour after ten-fifteen?

10 second questions:

The temperature was three degrees Celsius. It goes down by eight degrees. Write the new temperature.

Add three point three to seven point seven.

Lara spends three pounds fifty-five. She pays with a ten pound note. How much change does she get?

15 second questions:

Multiply thirty-five by six. Nine is half of a number. What is one-third of the number? Four oranges cost ninety-five pence. How much do 12 oranges cost?



How can parents help with Maths?



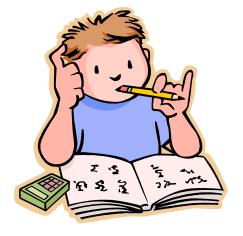
•Support with homework - not just helping with the Maths but reading the question can really help.

•TIMES TABLES!!!

•Help your child to check their work through - this will help them to spot mistakes that can sometimes be easily fixed.

What are we doing?

- Cross-curricular teaching
- Maths and writing targets
- •Differentiated activities across the curriculum
- Teaching assistant support and interventions
- Homework
- Test preparation
- Encouragement



How can parents help?

•The best help is interest taken in learning and progress.

Supporting homework.



•Good communication between the school and home.

•Getting a good sleep on a school night!

•Ensuring attendance at school from now until SATs



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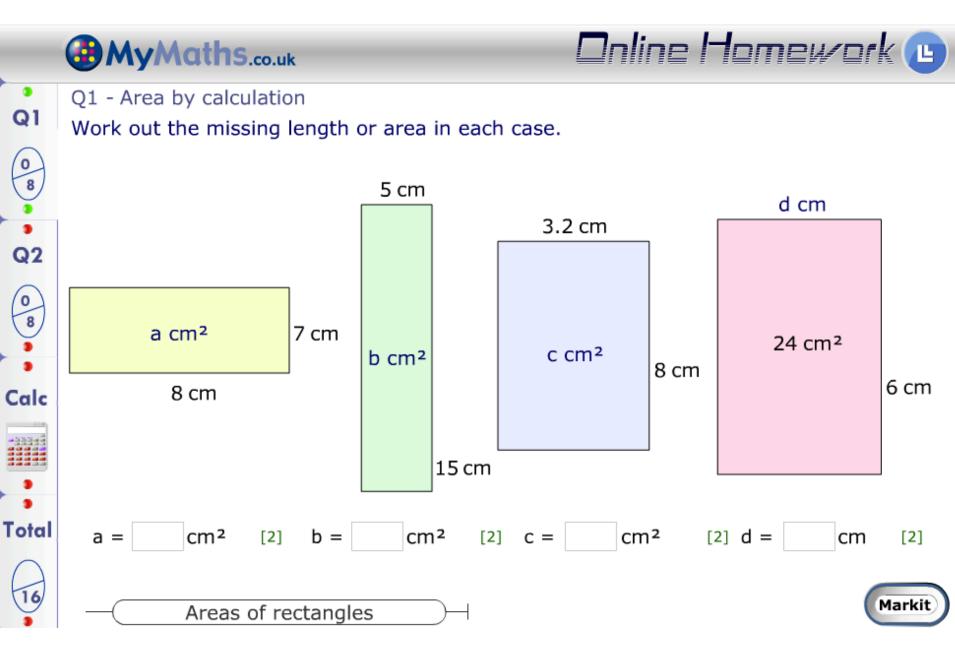
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There are many websites available to download free past papers. We will be sending papers home for homework over the Easter holidays but if you would like to do more...

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and finally ... whatever happens your child will get the result which reflects where they are....rest assured, they have all made progress and nobody could ask more from them!