

KS1 SATs

Information for Parents/Carers

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# What are SATs?

- At the end of Key Stage 1, which is the Year 2 class; teachers have a responsibility to make judgements about the standards at which the children are working.
- National Curriculum tests, known as SATs, are used to help inform these judgements.

# When are the tests and in what subjects?

- The tests can be taken at any point during May.
- We arrange the tests so that the children may not even be aware they are taking them.
- Children will sit tests in Mathematics, English - reading and English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (this is an optional test, which schools can choose to use)

# Mathematics

- The KS1 Mathematics test consists of 2 papers - arithmetic and reasoning.

## Arithmetic

- The arithmetic paper assesses the children's confidence with fluency, with whole number, place value and counting.
- It includes the 4 operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- It is not strictly timed, however it typically takes about 20 minutes to complete.

The image shows a sample of a KS1 Mathematics test paper. It features two questions, numbered 15 and 16, each with a blue vertical bar on the left and a light blue vertical bar on the right. Question 15 is  $3 \times 3 =$  followed by a rectangular box for the answer. Question 16 is  $12 \div 2 =$  followed by a rectangular box for the answer. At the bottom right of the page, it says "Page 11 of 20".

15  $3 \times 3 =$

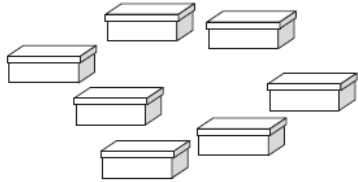
16  $12 \div 2 =$

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# Reasoning

- This test requires the children to demonstrate their mathematical fluency, ability to solve problems and their mathematical reasoning.
- Again, it is not strictly timed, typically taking about 35 minutes to complete.

**7**



Sita puts **2** shoes in each of these boxes.

How many shoes are there altogether?

shoes

**8** Complete the table.

words	digits
thirty-eight	38
	40
ninety-four	


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- Children do not have to sit the two maths papers on the same day, and they can be given rest breaks if they need them.

# English - Reading

- The KS1 English Reading test consists of 2 papers.
- A range of texts will be included, such as age appropriate fiction, non-fiction or poetry.
- Children read the texts and then answer questions about them.
- Again they are not strictly timed - typically it takes about 30 minutes to complete paper 1 and 40 minutes to complete paper 2.
- Children do not have to sit the two reading tests on the same day, and they can be given rest breaks if they need them.

"Where are we going?" Monster asked nervously.  
"To that island," said Frog, pointing towards a tiny spot on the horizon.  
"It's a long way," said Monster. "I don't think I like boats."  
Monster was beginning to feel seasick.




**8** What could Frog see on the horizon?  
Tick one.

a boat	<input type="checkbox"/>	the sun	<input type="checkbox"/>
an island	<input type="checkbox"/>	a beach	<input type="checkbox"/>

**9** Find and copy one word which tells you that Monster was not feeling well in the boat.

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### The Blackbird and his Wife

Once upon a time there lived a blackbird and his wife. They sang so sweetly that everyone passing beneath the tree would stop and listen. It was the most beautiful music; it was as though gold and silver rain were falling into your ears.

One day the king was passing and he heard the two birds singing. He said to his servants, "Catch those birds! I will keep them in a silver cage and they will sing to me." So the servants set a trap, but they only caught one of the birds: the blackbird's wife. They put her into a silver cage and hung her over the king's bed. But she was so sad that she wouldn't sing at all.

As for the blackbird, when he saw that his wife had been trapped, he was angry. He took a sharp thorn for a sword and took half a walnut shell and wore it as a helmet. On the other half, he made himself a little drum. Soon he was marching towards the palace, beating the drum: rat-tat

**Questions 1 - 8 are about The Blackbird and his Wife (pages 4 - 5)**

**1** Why did the king want to have the blackbirds? (page 4)

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**2** Why was the blackbird's wife sad? (page 4)

\_\_\_\_\_

**3** What instrument did the blackbird play on the way to the palace? (page 4)

\_\_\_\_\_

**4** The king treated the animals badly.

a) What had the king done to the fox? \_\_\_\_\_

b) What had the king done to the cat? \_\_\_\_\_

# Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Tests

- Consists of 2 papers.
- Paper 1 is spelling. This contains 20 words which are read aloud to the children.
- Paper 2 is a series of short questions assessing the children's understanding of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.
- In total, both papers should take approximately 35 minutes to complete.

2. Yesterday it was very \_\_\_\_\_.
3. I had a big smile on my \_\_\_\_\_.
4. There was a large \_\_\_\_\_ of children at the party.
5. You pick things up with your \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the box are different colours.
7. Our new \_\_\_\_\_ is black with white paws.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ my friend for her help.

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Add a **suffix** to the word fall to complete the sentence below.

The autumn leaves are fall \_\_\_\_\_ to the ground.



# What if my child has additional needs?

- Children with additional needs might need specific arrangements to be able to access the tests. These may include:
  - Additional time;
  - Scribe for written responses;
  - Reader (not for English - reading)
- Children do not have to complete the tests on the same day or at the same time, tests can be administered to groups of children.
- If children normally receive this support in the classroom, then teachers can make arrangements to provide similar support in the tests.

# Using the tests

- After the tests are taken, they are marked internally at school.
- The class teacher will consider your child's work from across the Key Stage as well as their performance in the tests to make judgements about the standards at which your child is working in English - reading, English - writing, Mathematics and also in Science - although there is no statutory end of Key Stage test for science.

# What results will parents receive?

- Towards the end of the summer term, the end of KS1 teacher assessment judgements will be contained with your child's end of year report.
- KS1 assessment judgements are also a useful tool for teachers to measure pupil progress and identify any needs the children have as they move into KS2.

# How can I prepare my child for the test?

- Teachers will make sure that the children in their class are prepared for the tests.
- You should continue to read with your child at home, and complete any home learning tasks to the best of their ability.
- If you have any queries, please email [year2@staugustine.medway.sch.uk](mailto:year2@staugustine.medway.sch.uk)