

Key Stage 2 SATs key facts.

- Tests are scheduled for the week beginning 9th May.
 - 8th May = Reading test
 - 9th May = SPAG tests
 - 10th May = Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning 1
 - 11th May = Maths reasoning 2
- No level 6 papers – higher level questions now contained within the tests
- **Maths**
 - Second year of tests assessing the new, more demanding framework, started in 2014.
 - Higher focus on arithmetic and formal methods
 - Speed and accuracy of formal methods very important
 - No more mental maths, although rapid recall of times tables and associated facts very important
- **SPAG**
 - Key changes in terminology
 - New additions this year
 - Spelling is nearly 30% of total marks – low spelling score can really affect overall score
- **Reading**
 - More focus on using examples from text in answers
 - More focus on comparison between the texts and at different parts of the texts
 - Understanding key vocabulary in context more important – stretching vocabulary
- **Results**
 - Raw score from tests will be turned in to a scaled score
 - Scaled score of 100 will be 'expected'
 - 80 is the minimum, 120 is the maximum
 - Teachers from around the country have been/are being selected to set the scores for the thresholds
 - 2016 thresholds were
 - Maths - 60 out of 110
 - Reading – 21 out of 50
 - SPAG – 43 out of 70
 - Results will be returned to school in July

How to help:

- Reading
 - Asking questions on all text types including signs/adverts/poetry
 - Asking for evidence to back up answers
 - **Talking about unusual vocabulary and phrases e.g. Once in a blue moon**
- Maths
 - Formal methods and times tables
 - Encourage children, even if you aren't confident!
- SPAG
 - Discuss any homework
 - Ask children to explain some of the features in your handouts weekly/fortnightly
 - Spellings – challenge children with difficult words/commonly misspelt words at different times, e.g. when in the car
- Writing
 - Lots of encouragement – they are doing very well!
 - Do they know what they need to work on (they do, even if they pretend they don't!)? Ask them to explain
- In all subjects – fun!
 - online games
 - apps
 - songs
 - challenges

SATs are not there to make children's lives a misery and they can have a rewarding time preparing for them and sitting them. Naturally, all children want to do their best and they will compare, both in this class and when they get to secondary school, but we can only ever ask them to do their best and for them to feel that they have.