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 4.4.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now nearing the end of the second term of Year 6 and SATs are not too far away. The children are working hard in class to prepare for this important week which gives them all a chance to showcase the knowledge and skills they have learned in KS2.

 In 2020 and 2021, KS2 SATs did not take place due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Primary school SATs results will not be published in national league tables this year to reflect the disruption to children's learning. The Department for Education (DfE) expects at least 65% of children to reach the expected standard (revised down from 85%). It is our understanding that these tests will primarily be used to provide important data on children’s attainment across the country, following successive school closures. This information will be needed to ensure our secondary schools are well-informed, so that they can fully support your child as they move on from primary school.

 Please be aware of what is happening on each day of the test week (see timetable below) and ensure that your child gets plenty of sleep, and a good breakfast, leading up to and during this week.

Timetable

Monday 9th May 2022

English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (SPaG) Paper 1: Questions

 English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (SPaG) Paper 2: Spelling

Tuesday 10th May 2022

 English Reading

 Wednesday 11th May 2022

Mathematics Paper 1:Arithmetic

Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning

Thursday 12th May 2022

Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning

Test Results

You will receive test results for your child in English reading, English grammar, punctuation and spelling and mathematics. There is no test for English writing; this will be reported using teacher assessment. You will be given your child’s scaled score and whether they have reached the expected standard set by the Department for Education (‘NS’ means that the expected standard was not achieved and ‘AS’ means the expected standard was achieved).

The range of scaled scores available for each KS2 test is 80 (the lowest scaled score that can be awarded) and 120 (the highest scaled score). The expected standard for each test is a scaled score of 100 or more. If a child is awarded a scaled score of 99 or less they will be working towards the expected standard for the end of KS2.

Please do be reassured that, due to school closures, many children may not reach the ‘expected standard’ this year and secondary schools have intervention programmes in place to support children in KS3.

You will also receive separate teacher assessment judgements for English reading, mathematics and science. These results will be sent out to parents/carers before the end of the summer term together with their Annual Report.

Supporting your child at home.

We want the children to feel confident and able to give their best during this important week and not to feel any undue pressure. They continue to be given all that they need to help prepare for these tests in class, including practice papers and coaching in techniques for reading, understanding and answering questions. These skills will also be useful in secondary school.

Encouraging your child to access IXL, Accelerated Reader and Times Table Rockstars at home is a great way to help them prepare, both for SATs and for Year 7.

This Friday, the children will be coming home with resources to further support them in preparation for the SATs tests. These include sample questions and materials to further familiarise themselves with the types of questions they might come across in the papers.

The children in Year 6 are being offered the opportunity to come into school for SATs workshops. These will run during the Easter Holidays for anyone is able to attend. These will run from 9am-11am on Wednesday 13th April and Thursday 14th April and Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st April. All Year 6 children are welcome to attend and the content will be approached in a fun and engaging way.

If you have any questions about the tests, please don’t hesitate to get in touch with school.

Best wishes

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