



SATs with a Smile





Key stage 2 tests

The statutory [key stage 2 tests](#) are timetabled from Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May 2025:

Date	Activity
Monday 12 May 2025	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 May 2025	English reading
Wednesday 14 May 2025	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 15 May 2025	Mathematics paper 3



What happens during SATs week?



Children will be invited into school early for breakfast.

Time to prepare resources and settle down before SATs begin. Children will be provided with resources.

No 'good luck' items please!

Tests start from around 9am – they will be finished before break each day.

Normal lessons in the afternoon (less intense continuation of foundation curriculum subjects).

If your child is ill, please phone the school office/email as soon as possible.



How are SATs marked?



Every pupil receives a scaled score for Reading, Writing, Grammar and Maths

Each child's raw score in the test is turned into a scaled score.

A scaled score of 100 means the child is working 'at the expected standard' for a Year 6 child.

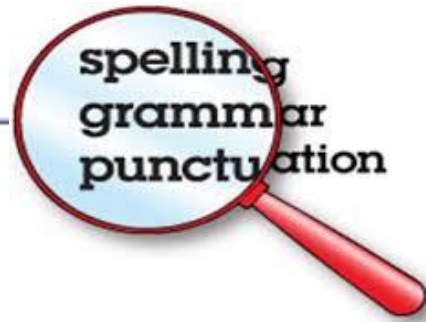
The scale will have a lower point of 80 and a higher point of 120.

The tests reflect the new curriculum introduced in 2014.

Scores are reported to secondary schools.



Grammar



45 minutes for grammar

50 marks available (later combined with spelling test)

Multiple choice answers and tick boxes

IT'S RIGHT BUT IT'S WRONG!

Have you ticked one or two?

Does the word need a capital letter?

Have you spelt it correctly? KISS



1

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

Tick **one**.

Why he went there was a mystery

What he thinks about the problem is anyone's guess

When are your cousins expected to arrive

How they would get to the match was unclear

2

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Come and see me tomorrow I will not have time to see you today.

Spelling



Spelling has no time limit (it tends to take approximately 20 minutes)

20 words which complete individual sentences

Worth 20 marks (later combined with grammar mark)

Spelling task

1. Sam is _____ to play football at playtime.
2. Use a ruler to draw a _____ line.
3. Being dizzy is a strange _____.
4. Lauren was _____ before her first swimming lesson.
5. The bird found a _____ of bread.
6. It is _____ that it will rain tomorrow.
7. An _____ author visited our school.
8. Sap is a sticky _____ that comes from trees.
9. John is having an _____ on his foot.
10. Aamid faced his _____ challenge on the zip wire.



Spelling



Spelling Rule/Pattern	e.g.	Spelling Rule/Pattern	e.g.
Adding ing or ed (Doubling consonant if required)	Hopping Opened	Silent letters (k, g, w, b, l)	Knock Wreck Palm
Suffix ible or able	Flexible, Visible Washable, Changeable	Plural rules	Stories Wolves
Suffix less or ness	Thoughtless Happiness	Homophones	Prey Heard
Suffix ly	Immediately	ei or ie letter string	Eight, Weight, Height, Reign, Vein, Neighbour
Suffix sion, tion, cian	Passion Relation Optician	dg letter string	Judge
Suffix ful or fully	Careful	Soft c	Ceiling Celebrate
Prefix dis	Disappoint	Soft g	Generous
Prefix mis	Misplaced	Words ending in rred	Transferred Preferred
Prefix il or im	Illegible Impatient	Words ending in ent/ence	Confidence Independent
Words ending in ous	Anxious	Words ending in ant/ance	Brilliant Importance

What is the root word?

Does it have a prefix/suffix?

What does it sound like?

Does it look right?

Break into syllables

Reading



1 hour

50 marks available

3 sections of texts

Multiple choice, 1-mark, 2-mark and 3-mark questions

Questions 1–14 are about *Gaby to the Rescue* (pages 4–5)

1 A Siamese cat **crouched** on a tree branch, peering down at Gaby with brilliant blue eyes.

Which word is closest in meaning to *crouched*?

Tick **one**.

balanced

squatted

trembled

pounced

1 mark

2 Look at the first paragraph, beginning: *A Siamese cat...*

Gaby pulled the cardigan tighter around her.

Why does Gaby do this?

Tick **one**.

She is thinking of wrapping the cat in her cardigan.

She is worried about damaging the cardigan.

She is feeling cold.

She is worried the cardigan will be difficult to climb in.

1 mark

Reading



Fiction = read the whole text first.

Non-fiction = answer one question at a time and read as you go along. There is usually a question about the introduction part at the top.

1. Don't need to write in full sentences – waste of time!
2. Use the page numbers given to you.
3. Identify the key question word.
4. Questions go in chronological order
5. If it is a 'why' question, answer with because
6. Find and copy means find and copy
7. If the question is in italics, it is directly from the text.
8. With multiple choice questions, use process of elimination.
9. When it says tick one, TICK ONE!
10. 3-mark questions use P.E.E. – Point, Explanation, Evidence
11. When ordering, go back and highlight the sections of the text before filling in the boxes.



Arithmetic



30 minutes

36 questions

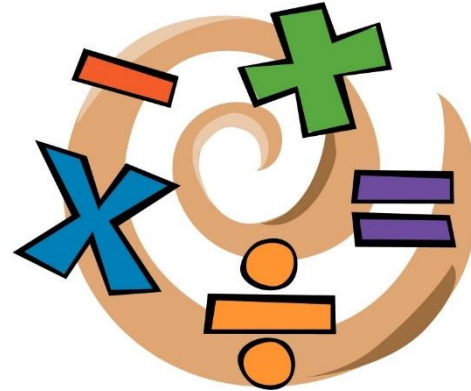
40 marks available

Speed and fluency of times tables are crucial

Confidence with switching between methods

Place value understanding e.g. x 100 or lining up calculations

Later combined with both reasoning papers to give an overall mark out of 110



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2	$707 + 1,818 =$	<input type="text"/>	1 mark
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3	$\frac{4}{6} + \frac{3}{6} =$	<input type="text"/>	
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Reasoning



2 papers

40 minutes each

35 marks for each paper

Later combined with the arithmetic paper to give an overall mark out of 110



2

Circle the number that is **10 times** greater than nine hundred and seven.

9,700 907 9,007 970 9,070

1 mark

3

Write the missing numbers to make this **multiplication** grid correct.

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<input type="text"/>	9	63	54
<input type="text"/>		56	48

1 mark





Reading skills are essential

Application of arithmetic skills in context

A cinema sells tickets at three different prices.

- $\frac{1}{20}$ of the tickets are price A.
- $\frac{3}{5}$ of the tickets are price B.
- The rest of the tickets are price C.

What fraction of the tickets are price C?

Show your method

2 marks



Reading skills are essential

'Drawing' diagrams can help with sense-making

Adam has a bag of fruit that weighs **1.25 kilograms**.



He takes out a banana. Now the bag of fruit weighs **1.1 kg**.

Next, he takes out an orange. Now the bag weighs **920 g**.

How much **more** does the orange weigh than the banana?

Show your method

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2 marks



MISTAKES
ARE
PROOF
THAT
YOU'RE
TRYING

A graphic illustration of a purple rope hanging vertically. Five black stick figures are shown at various points along the rope, appearing to be climbing or rappelling. One figure is at the top, another is near the top, one is in the middle, one is near the bottom, and one is at the very bottom.

LIFE DOESN'T REQUIRE THAT
WE BE THE BEST, ONLY THAT
WE TRY OUR BEST.
-H. JACKSON BROWN, JR.



Strategies we are using in school



Regular mini quizzes that help revise concepts and skills already taught

Thinking starter booklets which recap spelling, grammar and arithmetic

1-5 challenges in maths each day

Test techniques

Homework - CGP

Small group intervention – short term boost to plug gaps

Full SATs papers to build stamina and identify gaps/weaknesses (once a half term)

Mock SATs week

A broad and balanced curriculum



Strategies you can use at home



Read every day (with a particular focus on vocabulary)

Read a variety of genres

Practise times tables to assist with speed and fluency (Times Tables Rock Stars)

Continue to recap areas of arithmetic

Continue to support homework tasks

Go over weekly spelling rules (Spelling Shed) and the 100 words from the Year 5/6 spelling list

Support with any additional tasks your child would like to do

Celebrate mistakes and use them as learning opportunities

Make sure your child still has time to relax at home and not overdo the learning



Revision resources



- **Maths** – arithmetic videos and additional helpful strategies
- **Spelling** – clues/mnemonic and rules
- **Grammar** – clues and handbook

Y6 Revision Guides

Welcome to our Year 6 revision guide hub. This is where we store lots of useful resources to help consolidate learning but also to support with preparation for upcoming SATs. Please explore the links below for various support videos and guides.



Y6 Maths

Y6 Spelling & Grammar

Revision resources



KS2 BBC Bitesize

CGP workbooks (e.g. 10-minute tests → check what your child has already been given by school)

IXL.com – grammar and maths

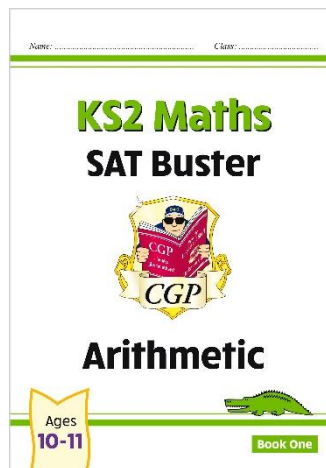
Maths:

Maths Frame – Year 6 Arithmetic Practice

Hit the Button

Doodle Maths

Times Tables Rock Stars



Our curriculum after SATs



Writing – teachers’ writing assessments throughout June.

Maths – prepare for secondary school (e.g. algebra and statistics)

Spelling – linked to reading → how can we use our knowledge of words to understand what an unknown word means?

Broad and balanced curriculum

Preparation for secondary school (e.g. reading timetables; PSHE)

End of year preparations



Any questions?



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