

Assessment and Reporting

'Old' national curriculum levels have now been abolished. From 2016, test scores will be reported as 'scaled scores'. This means it will be difficult to compare this year with previous years. The new curriculum is more vigorous and sets high expectations.

The Tests

Key stage 2 SATs take place nationally in the week commencing 9th May 2016.

They will be administered in the following subjects:

- Reading – 60 minutes
- Spelling – 15 minutes
- Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar – 45 minutes
- Mathematics

paper 1 – arithmetic -30 minutes

paper 2 – reasoning – 40 minutes

paper3– reasoning – 40 minutes

- Some schools may be required to take part in Science testing.

All tests are externally marked. Writing will be 'Teacher Assessed' internally.

Scaled Scores

Each pupil's raw score will be converted into a score on a scale, either at, above or below 100. 100 will represent the 'national standard'.

A child who achieves the 'national standard' (a score of 100), will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests.

In July each pupil will receive a raw score, a scaled score and confirmation whether or not they have attained the national standard.

A child who receives a scaled score of more than 100 has demonstrated a higher than expected knowledge of the curriculum for their age.

A child who receives a scaled score of less than 100 is judged to have not met the national standard and performed below expectation for their age.

Mathematics

The Mathematics tests have undergone the biggest change this year. Children will sit 3 papers.

Paper 1 is for 'Arithmetic', covering calculation methods for all operations, including fractions, percentages and decimals.

Papers 2 and 3 cover 'Problem Solving and Reasoning'.

Reading

The test consists of a single paper with three unrelated reading texts.

Questions are designed to assess the comprehension and understanding of a child's reading. Some questions are multiple choice or selected response, others require short answers and some require extended response or explanation.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

A Spelling test is administered containing 20 words. A separate test is given on Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar.