

# GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING TEST

- The grammar, punctuation and spelling test consists of two parts: a **grammar and punctuation paper** requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes, and a **spelling test of 20 words**, lasting around 15 minutes.
- The grammar and punctuation test will include two sub-types of questions:
- **Selected response**, e.g. 'Identify the adjectives in the sentence below'
- **Constructed response**, e.g. 'Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,' or, 'The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.'

# YEAR 6 SATS - READING

- The reading test is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. **Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.**
- There will be a selection of question types, including:
- **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. 'Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story'
- **Labelling**, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title of the story'
- **Find and copy**, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story'
- **Short constructed response**, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- **Open-ended response**, e.g. 'Look at the sentence that begins *Once upon a time*. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.'

# MATHS

Children sit three papers in maths:

Paper 1: **arithmetic**, 30 minutes;

Papers 2 and 3: **reasoning**, 40 minutes per paper

- ⦿ Paper 1 will consist of fixed response questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, including long multiplication and division.
- ⦿ Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of question types, including:
  - Multiple choice
  - True or false
  - Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or completing a table or chart
  - Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem

# HOW WILL THEY BE MARKED?

- You will be given your child's raw score (the actual number of marks they get), alongside their 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)
  - 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 won't have achieved the expected standard in the test.

# WHEN WILL THEY TAKE PLACE?

The Year 6 KS2 SATs will be administered in the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The 2024 SATs schedule is as follows:

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| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2024    | English grammar, punctuation and spelling<br>Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling<br>Paper 2: spelling |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024   | English reading  |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 | Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic<br>Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2024  | Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning   |

# REMEMBER: WELLBEING IS IMPORTANT

- Exercise
- Eat healthily and remember to eat breakfast
- Switch off screens
- Have some relaxation time
- Stick to a routine for going to bed and getting up
- Find a quiet place to work
- Remind them about resilience and encourage them to do their best
- The night before the test
  - Get everything ready for school the next day
  - Go to bed early
  - In the morning eat a healthy breakfast and if you can, walk to school to energise your child.