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Silsden
Primary School

YEAR 2 SATs 2018

We hoped to hold a SATS information meeting before Easter, but due to time constraints this isn't possible, so we are sending the following information to hopefully answer any queries you may have.

In addition to this, on **Wednesday 18th April at 9 – 9:30am**, we will hold an informal drop in session for parents who may wish to look at past papers or ask any further questions.

At the end of Year 2, children will take SATs tests in:

- Reading
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths

Key Stage 1 Reading

The new reading test for Year 2 pupils will involve two separate papers:

Paper 1 consists of a selection of texts totalling 400-700 words, with questions interspersed;

Paper 2 comprises a reading booklet of a selection of passages totalling 800 – 1100 words. Children will write their answers in a separate booklet

Each paper is worth 50% of the marks, and should take around 30 minutes, but children are not strictly timed, as the tests are not intended to assess the children's ability to work at speed. The texts in the reading papers cover a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry, and get progressively more difficult towards the end of the test. Teachers have the option to stop the test at any point that they feel is appropriate for a child.

There are a variety of question types:

- Multiple choice
- Ranking/ordering e.g. 'Number the events below in which order they happened in the story'
- Matching, e.g. 'Match the character to the job they do in the story'
- Labelling, e.g. 'Label the text to show the title'
- Find and copy, e.g. 'Find and copy one word that shows what the weather was like in the story'
- Short answer, e.g. 'What does the bear eat?'
- Open-ended answer, e.g. 'Why did Lucy write a letter to her Grandmother? Give two reasons

Key Stage 1 Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation

The KS1 English grammar, punctuation and spelling test remains optional from 2018 onwards. We will administer the test and use the results to inform teacher assessment.

There are two separate papers in grammar, spelling and punctuation:

Paper1: a 20 -word spelling test taking approximately 15 minutes and worth 20 marks

Paper 2: a grammar, punctuation and vocabulary test, in two sections of around 10 minutes (each with a break between, if necessary), worth 20 marks. This will involve a mixture of selecting the right answers e.g. through multiple choice, and writing short answers.

Key Stage 1 Maths

The new Key Stage 1 maths test is made up of two papers:

Paper 1: arithmetic, worth 25 marks and taking around 15 minutes

Paper 2: mathematical fluency, problem solving and reasoning, worth 35 marks and taking 35 minutes, with a break if necessary.

There are a variety of question types: multiple choice, matching, true/false, constrained (e.g. completing a chart or table; drawing a shape) and less constrained (e.g. where children must show their method).

Children are not allowed to use any tools such as calculators or number lines.

When will the SATs take place?

The KS1 SATs are due to be administered during the month of May 2018. Unlike KS2 SATs, KS1 SATs do not have to be administered according to a nationally-set timetable in a specific week. Schools are free to manage the timetable and will aim to administer the tests in the classroom in a low-stress, low key way.

How will the tests be marked?

Although the tests are set externally, they are marked by teachers within the school. Instead of the old levels children are given a scaled score. Their raw score – the actual number of marks they get is translated into a scaled score, where a score of 100 means the child is working at the expected standard. A score below 100 indicates that the child needs more support, whereas a score of above 100 suggests the child is working at a higher level than expected for their age. The maximum score possible is 115, and the minimum is 85.

Teachers assessments are also used to build up a picture of your child's learning and achievements. In addition, your child will receive an overall result saying whether they have reached the required standard in the tests. The Department or Education aims for 85% of children to reach the expected standard.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to ask any of the Year Two team or come and see us at the drop in session on **Wednesday 18th April at 9 – 9:30am**,

Regards

Mrs O'Hara, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Walker and Mrs Oswald