



# End of Key Stage Two Assessments 2022



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## • What are end of key stage two assessments?

What you might know as SATs or Standard Attainment Tests, are national curriculum tests that are usually taken by children at the end of key stage two.

- All children are assessed during the last term of year 6; for 2022, this is in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- The aim of the tests is to establish whether students are working at an expected level in English and maths
- The results of the tests do not tell us how accomplished children are in other areas, such as sport, music or art.
- Our aim is to ensure all our students finish year 6 with the skills and knowledge to enable them to access the learning in Year 7 – preparing for the SATs is one aspect of this preparation.
- Pupils sit six different tests in three subject areas: maths, English reading and English grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- English writing judgements are made by teachers through teacher assessment, based on evidence of independent writing gathered over the course of year 6.
- There will be no science sampling for 2021/22; this will resume in 2022/23.

- **When do they happen?**

Every school with Year 6 will test their pupils on the same subject at the same time during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022. The schedule of tests for this year looks like this:

<b>Assessment week 2022</b>	<b>Tests</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>English grammar, punctuation and spelling</b> Paper 1: questions Paper 2: spelling
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>English reading</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mathematics</b> Paper 1: arithmetic Paper 2: reasoning
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mathematics</b> Paper 3: reasoning

- What are the children tested on?

## English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

### **Paper 1: questions (45 minutes) 50 marks**

A combined question and answer booklet which assesses students' understanding of the grammar, punctuation and spelling elements of the national curriculum English programmes of study for key stage two.

### **Paper 2: spelling (15 minutes but not strictly timed) 20 marks**

The paper that pupils receive has 20 sentences, each with a missing word. The teacher reads the sentences one at a time and students write in the missing word on their paper.

## English Reading

### **(1 hour) 50 marks**

Students will have a reading booklet with three different texts to read and a corresponding question and answer booklet. The texts are presented in increasing levels of difficulty and pupils' comprehension skills will be assessed against the comprehension elements of the English programme of study for key stage two.

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## Mathematics

### **Paper 1: arithmetic (30 minutes) 40 marks**

Students will have a booklet of arithmetic questions based on the national curriculum maths key stage two programmes of study. **Papers 2 and 3: reasoning (40 minutes each) 35 marks each** Both papers will ask students to reason and solve problems, again based on the national curriculum maths programmes of study.

- **How are the tests administered?**

- At Blackminster, most children will take the test in their normal classroom. Children who require special arrangements may use a different room and be supervised by one of the other adults in school.
- We ensure that students have had seen lots of examples of similar style questions, so that the tests are a familiar format.
- Experience shows that students who have had plenty of opportunities to practise the same style of questions and take them in a familiar environment are less stressed and are better able to demonstrate their skills and knowledge.



## • What happens with the results?

- For 2022, school results in the end of key stage assessments will not be published in performance tables.
- School results will be shared with the school, the local authority and Ofsted to support school improvement.
- Test results are published online in July for the school to view and check.
- Each child will receive a scaled score for their performance on the tests. This is a score between 80 and 120, where a score of 100 is considered to be average or working at the expected level of attainment at the end of primary school.
- **We will share pupils' results in their end of year written report, which is sent home to parents in July.**



## • How can I help my child?

Support your child to complete any home learning tasks sent home, such as **spelling activities, reading comprehensions, grammar and maths sheets.**

Use online activities like **My Maths, IXL, etc** to practise skills at home.

Make sure they go to bed at a reasonable time, have a good breakfast and arrive at school on time during the assessment week.

Encourage them to try their best, commend their efforts and plan to celebrate their hard work at the end of the testing week, rather than focusing on the test results.