

YEAR 6 SATS INFORMATION

With the SATs quickly approaching you are possibly wondering what they are and how you can be helping your child to prepare. We have put together this information sheet to answer some of the questions you may have about these upcoming tests. As always, if you would like to clarify anything or you have any further questions, please contact Miss Taylor by any of the usual methods:

- ⇒ come see me at the classroom door at drop-off or collection time
- ⇒ contact me through the class page <https://www.bostonstnicholas.co.uk/prophets-class-year-6-3/>
- ⇒ ring the school and request a call back 01205 363 210

What are the SATs?

The end of key stage 2 tests aim to check children's knowledge of the National Curriculum as they leave primary school and move on to Key Stage 3. The SATs papers taken in year 6 will ask questions based on the learning covered in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and will therefore show the progress a child has made since year 2.

How are they graded?

Children will receive a raw score which shows how many marks they were awarded. In addition, they will receive a scaled score. A child's raw test score is converted into a scale score where 100 represents the 'National Standard'. A child that achieves the 'National Standard' has demonstrated sufficient knowledge of the areas assessed in the tests. Using the scaled scores, the lowest a child will get is 80 and the highest is 120. This score will indicate whether your child is 'below', 'meeting' or 'above' the national standard.

Key Dates

Key Stage 2 SATs take place in the week commencing Monday 9th May 2022. The following table shows the full list of tests administered:

Day	Test	Time allowed
Monday 9 th May	Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar	45 minutes
	Spelling	15 minutes
Tuesday 10 th May	Reading	60 minutes
Wednesday 11 th May	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic	30 minutes
	Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning	40 minutes
Thursday 12 th May	Mathematics Paper 3: Reasoning	40 minutes

All tests are marked externally however writing will be teacher assessed.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

The spelling test contains 20 words and takes approximately 15 minutes to administer. This test is separate from the grammar, punctuation and vocabulary paper which consists of various short answer questions, including some multiple choice. The marks for these papers are then added together to give a total result for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Reading

The reading paper contains three unrelated texts. Children are given 60 minutes to read the texts and answer questions that are designed to assess their ability to read fluently and comprehend what they have read. The paper contains a variety of question styles including: multiple choice, short answer and extended answer. The questions are based around a variety of reading skills that the children have practised through their reading lesson (retrieval of information, inference and deduction and authorial choices relating to vocabulary, grammar and text features).

Mathematics

Paper 1 focuses on arithmetic. This is a 30-minute test that contains calculations based on the four operations as well as fractions, decimals and percentages. Papers 2 and 3 last 40 minutes each and cover problem solving and reasoning questions. These assess children on their ability to read a problem and understand what calculation is required to find a solution.

How can you support your child?

Most importantly, reassure your child that they should just try their best. Some of the questions they may find tricky, but this is nothing to worry about. They could either give it a try or move on and come back to it at the end if they have any time left.

Make sure your child has the best possible attendance between now and the SATs week. Obviously, it cannot be helped if your child is poorly, but being in school as much as possible will allow your child to feel more prepared and allow them to shine their light! Also ensure your child has had plenty of rest and that they have eaten breakfast every day to allow them be energised and ready to go!

You can help with reading by increasing the conversations you have with your child about the books they are reading. Talk about the stories they are reading - ask them questions about the plot; the characters and their thoughts and feelings and what they think might happen next in the book. These conversations allow children to practice the skills required in the reading paper. This doesn't have to be a fictional story, it could be non-fiction, poetry, newspapers and magazines (whatever your child chooses to read at home).

Maths is all around us and children can learn and practise skills by participating in everyday tasks. If you are baking, encourage your child to help with measuring ingredients. Look for different shapes around your house and ask them to identify properties and name the shapes from its features. Encourage your child to help with calculations relating to money like adding up the price of two items or calculating change when shopping. Encourage your child to practise their times tables because rapid recall of these facts will make calculations easier in all three mathematics papers.

Sample Questions

In this section, you will find some example questions from each of the papers to give you a better idea of what is expected of your child during these tests.

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Tick **one** box in each row to show whether the sentence is a **question**, a **statement** or a **command**.

Sentence	Question	Statement	Command
In autumn, many trees lose their leaves	☐	☐	☐
Look at the trees carefully	☐	☐	☐
Scientists are studying how trees can live for thousands of years	☐	☐	☐
How can you tell a tree's age	☐	☐	☐

Which sentence is written in **Standard English**?

Two sports teams come to our school yesterday.

My friend was tidying the classroom.

Today the children done their school play.

The teachers was going to send a letter next week.

Tick **one**.

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Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic

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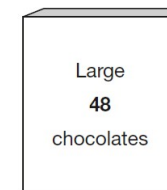
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Maths Paper 2 and 3 - Reasoning

Ken buys 3 large boxes and 2 small boxes of chocolates.

Each large box has 48 chocolates. Each small box has 24 chocolates.



How many **chocolates** did Ken buy altogether?

The length of a day on Earth is 24 hours.

The length of a day on Mercury is $58\frac{2}{3}$ times the length of a day on Earth.

What is the length of a day on Mercury, in **hours**?

Reading

Number these facts about the life of the giant panda cub from 1–5 in the order in which they happen.

The first one has been done for you.

A cub eats bamboo for the first time.

☐

A cub leaves its mother.

☐

A cub develops black spots.

☐

A cub weighs 31 to 36 kilograms.

☐

A cub weighs about the same as an apple.

☒

Look at the first paragraph.

What suggests that the inside of the old farmhouse was not very well looked after?

Give **two** things.

1. _____

2. _____