

KS2 SATs – 2023

Being prepared for the SATs in May 2023

When are the Key Stage 2 Tests?

- Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
- Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

▶ Key Stage 2 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 an **aural 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.'

Spelling

Y5/6 spelling list

Spelling task

1. Sam is _____ to play football at playtime.
2. Use a ruler to draw a _____ line.
3. Being dizzy is a strange _____.
4. Lauren was _____ before her first swimming lesson.
5. The bird found a _____ of bread.

2018 national curriculum tests

Key stage 2

English grammar,
punctuation and spelling

Paper 1: questions

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Insert a **pair of commas** in the correct place in the sentence below.

My father who works at the museum gave my class a
guided tour.

1 mark

10

Which sentence is a **command**?

Tick **one**.

You should bring a coat.

You will need a coat in case it rains.

I am going to bring a coat.

Bring a coat in case it rains.

Reading Paper

▶ Key Stage 2 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.'



The Giant Panda Bear



Grannie



Albion's Dream

Reading Booklet

2018 key stage 2 English reading booklet

Why are people concerned about the giant panda?

Many people fear that giant pandas will become extinct as only a few are born in the wild each year and they do not always survive. Bamboo supplies are diminishing in panda habitats, cutting off a vital food supply. In addition, poaching and humans moving into pandas' territory have also reduced their numbers.

There are very few pandas in zoos, although this is changing. Where there are pandas in captivity, important programmes are in place to try to increase their numbers and find more about these puzzling creatures.

How can people help?

There are projects where people are invited to 'adopt a panda'. The money goes towards researching, protecting and monitoring them. It also goes towards supporting them in the wild.

What about the future?

In two of China's main research centres, 19 cubs have been born. There are now over 300 pandas in captivity and the next challenge is to return them to the wild. The Chinese government has created 50 panda reserves to continue the work.

Did you know?

In China, the panda is a symbol of peace.

The Chinese word for panda is 'Xiongmao' (giant cat bear) because a panda's eyes are shaped like a cat's. Over the centuries, pandas have also been called 'spotted bear' and 'black and white bear'.

Grannie

I stayed with her when I was six then went
To live elsewhere when I was eight years old.
For ages I remembered her faint scent
Of lavender, the way she'd never scold
No matter what I'd done, and how
The way her smile seemed
My whole world like

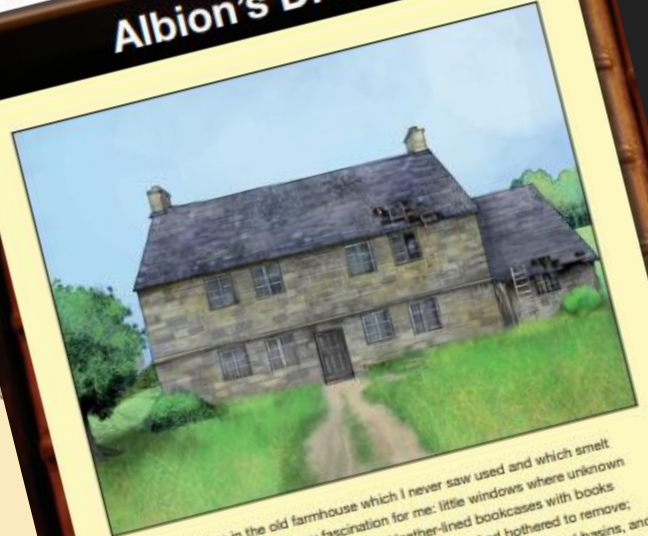
I knew that
She was
Stand m
Yet oh, so
Every hope
She praised m
But never pun

Years later war bro
A soldier and was w
Back home in hospita
I realised suddenly that
Had brought me close to
Was living still. And so I se
To write and ask if she could

She came. And I still vividly rec
The shock that I received when s
That dark cold day. Huge grannie w
A tiny, frail, old lady. It was weird.
She hobbled through the ward to wher
And drew quite close and, hesitating, pe
And then she smiled: and love lit up the c

In this text, Edward describes a strange incident that happened to him in an old farmhouse owned and inhabited by his Uncle Jack.

Albion's Dream



There were rooms in the old farmhouse which I never saw used and which smelt of a past that held extraordinary fascination for me: little windows where unknown ancestors had sat on autumn evenings; old leather-lined bookcases with books that no one had handled for fifty years; dust that no one had bothered to remove; piles of candle wax in unlikely corners; huge chamber pots and cracked basins, and everywhere a great generosity of space.

Outside there was a big lawn hardly walked on, flowerbeds hardly looked at, a vegetable garden which always produced too much, a vast horse chestnut with enough corks to satisfy the needs of a whole village of boys, a second lawn that nobody ever sat on, and the poignant smells of animals and harvests of a bygone age.

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English reading

Reading answer booklet

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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.

1 mark

1

According to the text, approximately how many giant pandas currently live in the wild?

1 mark

Maths Papers

▶ Key Stage 2 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

Arithmetic

2

$$\frac{9}{11} - \frac{4}{11} =$$

21

20% of 1,200 =

32

$$9^2 - 36 \div 9 =$$

1 mark

1 mark

Reasoning

6

Write these numbers in order of size, starting with the **smallest**.

1.9

0.96

1.253

0.328

smallest

1 mark

18

A cat sleeps for **12 hours** each day.

50% of its life is spent asleep.



Write the missing percentage.

A koala sleeps for **18 hours** each day.

 %

of its life is spent asleep.



1 mark

How will the tests be marked?

The previous **national curriculum levels** have been scrapped, and instead children are given **scaled scores** (read our **parents' guide to primary school grading and SATs codes** for more details).

You will be given your child's 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.

How to be SATs ready...

- Learn your spellings. Do your homework.
- Revise to keep your knowledge fresh.
- Get to bed early the night before.
- Have a healthy breakfast.
- Drink water, keep hydrated.
- Be positive, calm and relaxed.