



# Selwyn Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carer,

This term, children at the end of Key Stage 1 will take an end of key stage assessment. Most classes at Selwyn have already begun these assessments, this week. As these are administered in small groups with their class teacher, the children are very unaware of the fact that they are completing tests.

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

- Reading (Paper 1 and 2)
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths (Arithmetic and Reasoning)

## 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 to 700 words, with questions interspersed
- Paper 2 comprises a reading booklet of a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children will write their answers in a separate booklet

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

There will be a variety of question types:

- Multiple choice
- Ranking/ordering, e.g. 'Number the events below to show in which order they happened in the story'
- Matching, e.g. 'Match the character to the job that 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 the letter to her grandmother? Give two reasons'

## Key Stage 1 Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation

Children taking Key Stage 1 SATs will sit three separate papers in grammar, spelling and punctuation:

- Paper 1: a grammar and punctuation written task, taking approximately 20 minutes, and worth 15 marks. Children will be provided with a prompt and stimulus for a short piece of writing, with a clear text type, audience and purpose. Handwriting will be worth four per cent of the marks.



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- 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.
- Paper 3: a 20-word spelling test taking approximately 15 minutes and is worth 10 marks.

### **Key Stage 1 Maths**

The Key Stage 1 maths test will comprise 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 will be 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 have to show or explain their method).

Children will not be able to use any tools such as calculators or number lines.

### **When will the KS1 SATs take place?**

KS1 SATs are due to be administered in May 2017.

We want your child to do their best so ask that you support us by not discussing tests with them. Please follow your normal routines, ensuring that your child is well rested and on time for school. It is important that your child attends school every day, but this particularly important during this time. Teachers will be revising key concepts with them and ensuring that they are well prepared to do their best.

Should you have any further questions about key stage 1 assessments or any other aspect of key stage 1, please do not hesitate to contact Jacalyn Fryer, Middle Phase (KS1 & Year 3 leader).

Yours sincerely,

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