

National Assessments at the end of Key Stage One (KS1)

The 2014 national curriculum will be assessed for the first time in May 2016. Sample tests and mark schemes setting out how the new national curriculum will be assessed from 2016 onwards are now available to teachers online.

A new test and mark scheme will be developed each year. The key stage 1 tests will be marked internally by teachers to inform teacher assessment.

The marks children receive will be converted into a scaled score. Scaled score conversion tables for the 2016 tests will be published at www.gov.uk/sta in June 2016.

Maths

The new maths assessment is made up of two papers:

- Paper 1: arithmetic (25 marks)
- Paper 2: reasoning (35 marks)

A big change from previous maths SATs is that there is no longer a higher (old level 3) and standard (old level 2) paper. All children will sit the same two papers which have mixture of easier and harder questions. Another change is that children will no longer have access to concrete apparatus such as rulers, cubes, number lines or 100 squares. There is an expectation that written or picture methods will be used instead.

Reading

The new reading assessment is made up of two papers:

- Paper 1: combined reading prompt and reading answer booklet pack (20 marks)
The test will take approximately 30 minutes
- Paper 2: separate reading booklet and reading answer booklet pack (20 marks)
The test will take approximately 40 minutes

As with the maths assessment, all pupils are expected to attempt both papers.

English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

The writing assessments which formerly were part of the SATs testing at the end of Keys Stage one have been replaced with grammar, punctuation and spellings tests.

There are two papers:

- Paper 1: spelling test (20 marks). It should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. This paper is made up of sentences with missing words which the teacher reads out and the children complete.
e.g. The school garden is a _____ place to sit.
- Paper 2: grammar and punctuation (20 marks). It should take approximately 20 minutes. Questions include: identifying parts of a sentence; identifying types of sentences; punctuation marks; capitalisation; changing the tense of sentences; identifying correct and incorrect grammar in sentences.