

SATs Information Evening

Thursday 23rd March 2017

The Tests.



Day	Tests	Time
Monday 8 th May	Reading Comprehension	1 hour
Tuesday 9 th May	Grammar and Punctuation	45 minutes
	Spelling	As long as it takes!
Wednesday 10 th May	Mental Arithmetic	30 minutes
	Reasoning Paper 1	40 minutes
Thursday 11 th May	Reasoning Paper 2	40 minutes
Friday 12 th May	A relaxing day!!	

The Reading Test



- Your child will have 1 hour to read a booklet and to answer the questions.
- There are 3 levels of text and the children should read each text and answer the relevant questions in the order they appear in the test.
- There is a total of 50 possible marks for the test.
- There will be questions that do not require a written response and 1,2 and 3 mark questions that require a written answer.
- It is important that your child uses specific evidence from the text when answering the questions.

Question Types...



- 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’

Ways you can support your child with the reading test.

- When you listen to your child read, ask a range of questions about the characters and their motives. Encourage them to use the text when answering you. E.g I think Harry admires Hermione because he says '.....'
- Ask your child to explain the meaning of more complex vocabulary in context.
- Ask your child to make predictions about what might happen next or what a character might say next. (They must use evidence from the text to justify their response).
- REGULAR reading and discussion about what you are reading.
- Use and explain idioms at home.

The Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Tests...

- 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.'
- There is a total of 50 possible marks for the test.
- Where a written response is required, children will be penalised for incorrect use of punctuation.
- The spelling test consists of 20 words with 20 possible marks.

Ways you can support your child with the Grammar and Punctuation Test.

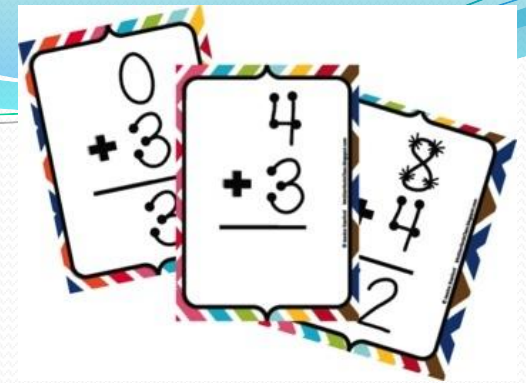
- Use of CGP books.
- Look through your child's work with them and ask them to explain what they have been learning.
- Discuss word classes, e.g. is 'walk' always a verb? Can you give me a sentence with 'rock' as a noun? As a verb?
- Discuss opposites (antonyms).
- Discuss synonyms, how many words can you think of that mean 'happy'?

Ways you can support your child with the spelling test.

- Continue to support your child with their weekly spelling homework.
- The spelling book in the CGP pack covers all the regular spelling patterns that crop up in tests.
- Look for online games.
- Ask your child to correct your 'accidentally mis-spelt' work!



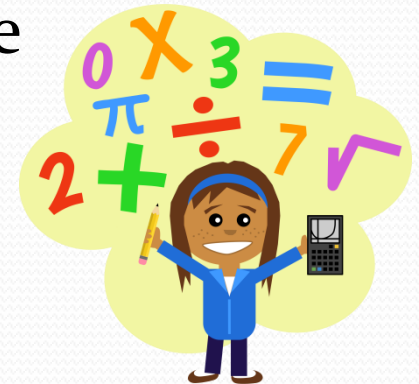
The Arithmetic Test



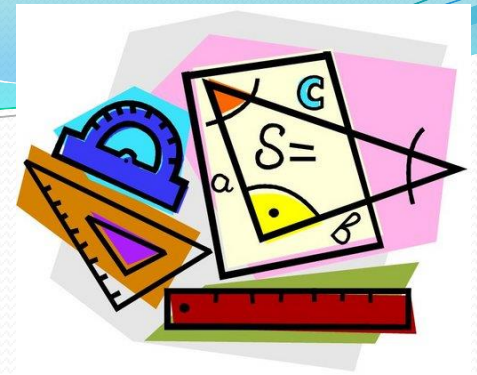
- The arithmetic test comprises of 36 straight forward calculations in 30 minutes.
- There is a total of 40 possible marks for the test.
- A whole range of subjects will be covered including:
 - Addition and subtraction including decimals
 - Short and long multiplication and division
 - Finding percentages of quantities
 - Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions

Ways you can support your child with the Arithmetic Test...

- Look through completed papers with your child; ask them to explain to you how they solved particular calculations.
- Look for online games as a method of practising certain skills.
- Help your child to learn their times tables so that they can recall them at speed and derive inverse division facts.



The Reasoning Papers.



- The Reasoning papers will cover all aspects of maths including measures, geometry, shape and space.
- There will be a range of question types, including simple, single step calculations and more complex problem solving.
- Where more complex problems arise, children will be awarded marks for showing their working.
- There is a total of 35 possible marks per paper.

Ways you can support your child with the Reasoning Papers.

- Continue to support your child with their weekly maths homework. These are based on the skills required to answer questions for the reasoning tests.
- The CGP maths packs revise the skills that will be tested.
- Quick games: Can you add up/multiply all the numbers on that number plate?
- Revise key facts: months of the year, number of days/weeks in a year, ml in a litre, cm in a m, m in a km etc...
- Check your child can tell the time- analogue and digital, and can calculate time differences.



The week of the tests.

- Your child is bound to feel nervous. This can manifest itself in your child feeling sick and anxious.
- We will do all that we can to make them feel better, it is important that you bring them in.
- Send in snacks and a water bottle.
- We will provide all stationery but if your child has a particular pen that they prefer to write with then they can use it for the tests.

Supporting your child...

- Booster sessions now run on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- CGP packs
- Come and ask us 😊
- Online games- Woodlands Junior School. Top Marks
- Look at past papers- www.theschoolrun.com