


# Year 2 SATs Curriculum Information 2026

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# Y2 SATs are non statutory

- ▶ We have chosen to carry out Year 2 SATs because they give us a helpful snapshot of each child's learning at the end of Key Stage 1.
  - ▶ The assessments allow teachers to see what children are confident with and where they may need extra support. This helps us plan lessons that meet individual needs and ensure that every child is supported as they move into Key Stage 2.
  - ▶ Year 2 SATs are age-appropriate and are completed in a calm, familiar classroom environment with the class teacher. They are not about putting children under pressure or comparing them to others. Instead, they are one of several ways we build a well-rounded picture of each child's progress, alongside daily classroom work, observations, and teacher assessments.
  - ▶ The results are used to support learning, not to label children. They help us celebrate achievements and identify next steps, ensuring a smooth transition into Year 3.
  - ▶ Above all, we want to reassure parents that children are encouraged to simply try their best. We place a strong emphasis on confidence, wellbeing, and a positive attitude towards learning throughout the process.
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# End of KSI assessments

- ▶ Children will sit the assessments during **May**. Teachers can make the decision if a child is not able to access the test materials and withdraw them. We will inform parents if this is the case.
- ▶ The children will sit 6 papers:
  - Reading paper 1 & 2
  - Spelling, punctuation and grammar paper 1 & 2
  - Maths paper 1 & 2

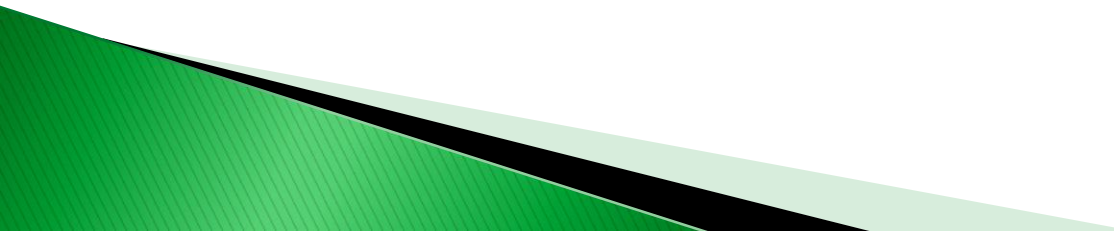
# English Reading papers

- ▶ English Reading Paper 1: Reading + answers in 1 booklet.
    - Shorter texts and questions on the same page
  - ▶ English Reading Paper 2: Reading booklet and answer booklet separate.
    - Longer texts and questions between two booklets
    - Retrieving information and using inference skills
  - ▶ Both papers are administered to all pupils who can access them.
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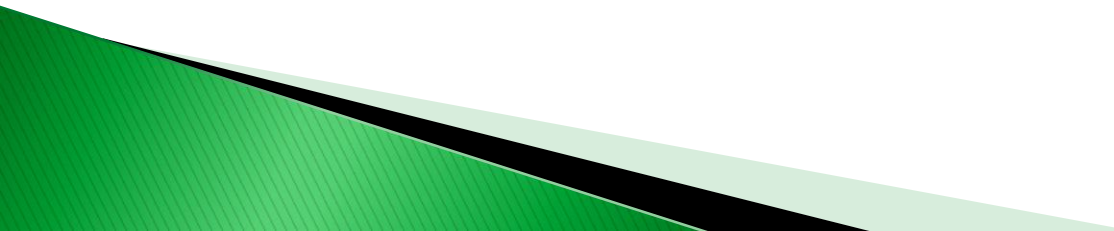
# English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling papers

- ▶ English grammar, punctuation, spelling paper 1: spelling test.
  - 20 words to spell
- ▶ English grammar, punctuation & spelling paper 2: questions.
  - This assesses grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.

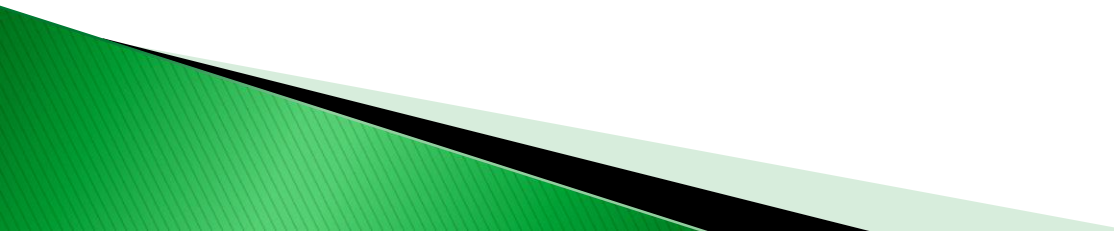
# Mathematics papers

- ▶ Mathematics paper 1: arithmetic.
    - This assesses pupils confidence and fluency with calculations, fractions, place value and times tables.
  - ▶ Mathematics paper 2: reasoning.
    - 5 aural questions at the beginning the rest are written problems (teacher can read to pupils).
    - The paper assesses pupils mathematical fluency, problem solving and reasoning skills.
  - ▶ Children are allowed no apparatus but can use their fingers to count.
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# English Writing

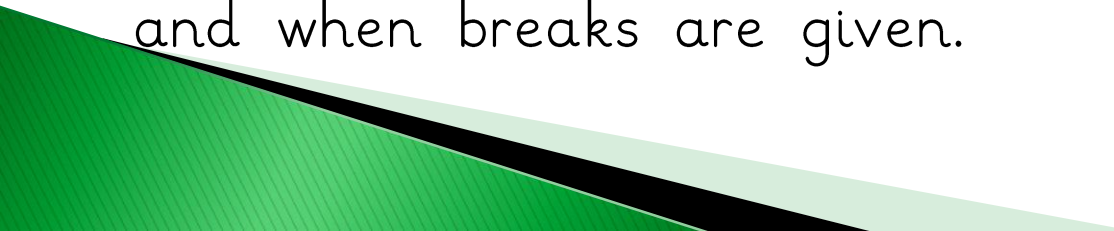
- ▶ No English writing test.
  - ▶ Grammar, spelling and punctuation assessment scores are taken into account when making judgements.
  - ▶ Judgements are based on teacher assessment throughout the year. The focus is on a range of genres such as narrative, poetry, letter writing, instructions, lists, non-chronological reports etc.
  - ▶ The children are assessed on skills they can show consistently and independently, not only in their English lessons but across the curriculum.
  - ▶ External moderation: an external moderator may visit to confirm teacher judgements in all subjects.
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# Science

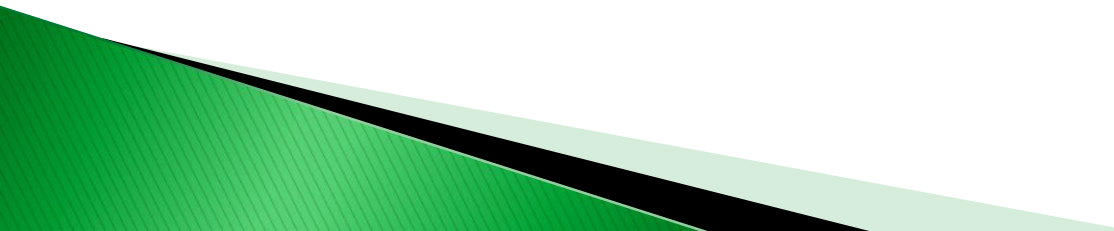
- ▶ Like English writing, Science will be assessed using teacher assessment.
  - ▶ The main focus of teacher assessment for Science are:
    - Using correct scientific vocabulary
    - Formulate and answer questions
    - Conduct scientific experiments
    - Evaluate findings
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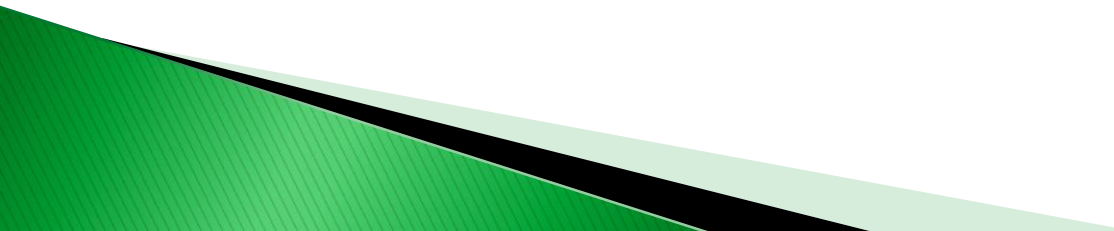
# How tests are administered

- ▶ All Year 2 children will sit the same papers.
  - ▶ Pupils will not take the test if:
    - They are working significantly below the standard of the test (dependent on subject)
    - They are unable to participate for medical reasons (dependent on subject).
  - ▶ If your child is absent they will be able to sit the tests during the given test window on alternative days.
  - ▶ There is a rough guide on times but teachers can use their own discretion to decide how long children need and when breaks are given.
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# How the tests are marked: scaled and raw scores

- ▶ Raw scores are the total number of questions answered correctly out of total marks available.
  - ▶ Raw scores will be translated into a scaled score using a conversion table set by the government.
  - ▶ A scaled score of **100** will always represent the **expected standard** nationally.
  - ▶ The expected standard is **set by the government** based on an average of scores across the country.
  - ▶ *This will support end of year teacher assessment.*
  - ▶ *SATs results are included in end of year reports.*
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# How you can support at home...

- ▶ Ensure your child is on time and fully equipped. - e.g. with their reading book and diary.
  - ▶ Practise the Y2 CEW list at home - see parents evening handout
  - ▶ Read at least 4 times a week.
  - ▶ Record reading in your child's reading diary- we will monitor these each week.
  - ▶ Children to quiz on completed AR books in school.
  - ▶ Maths is much more rigorous, rote learning of number bonds to 20, place value to 100 and times tables  $\times 2$ ,  $\times 5$ , 10,  $\times 3$  is required.
  - ▶ Daily 10 website for mental maths practice
  - ▶ Handwriting has a large weighting on children's end of KSI assessment. Please encourage correct letter formation - joining is not essential.
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# Websites for home learning...

- ▶ <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>
  - ▶ <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>
  - ▶ <https://onlinephonicsgames.com/>
  - ▶ <https://www.ictgames.com/mobilePage/literacy.html>
  - ▶ <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>
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## Year 2 Common Exception Words

after  
again  
any  
bath  
beautiful  
because  
behind  
both  
break  
busy  
child  
children  
Christmas

class  
climb  
clothes  
could  
cold  
door  
even  
every  
everybody  
eye  
fast  
father  
find

floor  
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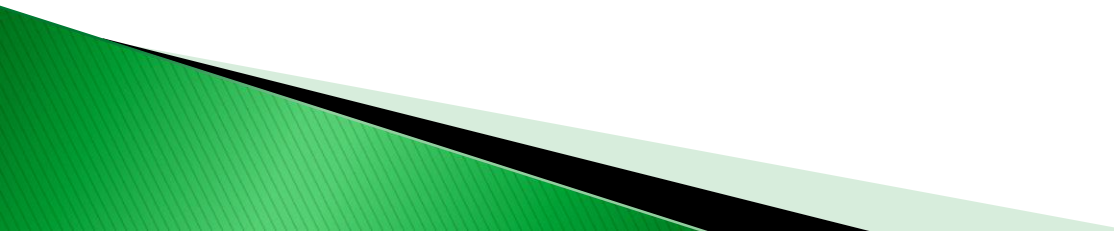
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whole  
who  
wild  
would



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# Phonics Screening Check

- ▶ It is statutory for schools to administer the phonics screening check to year 2 pupils who did not pass in Year 1 during the second half of the 2026 summer term and return results to their local authority.
  - ▶ The check is intended to ensure that year 2 pupils who need support in learning to decode using phonics are not missed.
  - ▶ The pass rate last year was 32 out of 40.
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# Real and nonsense words...

- ▶ The standard check materials include a double-sided practice sheet with 4 pseudo-words and 4 real words on each side. There are 40 words altogether.

niff



slow

dass



heat

pell



glue

quazz



foot