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Year 2 tests: information for parents

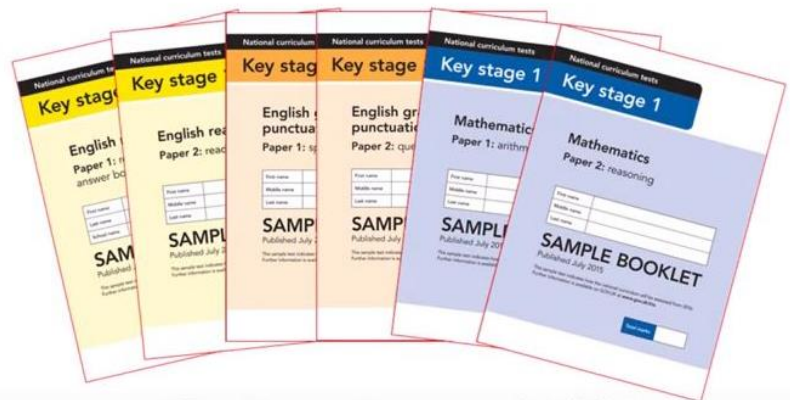
As your child will soon be completing the end of Year 2, teachers must administer some English and mathematics tests to help make a secure judgement for their final teacher assessment at the end of Key Stage 1. This information provides the answers to commonly asked questions about the tests.

When will you administer the Year 2 tests?

The government requires us to administer the tests during May. We will do this during a two-week period **the week beginning the 15th and 22nd May** (the two weeks before we break up for half-term). All children will not necessarily do the tests at the same time as each other- we do some tests in small groups as we feel that many children benefit from this support. It would be helpful if you could ensure your child's full attendance in school during this period and the run up to it.

What tests will my child do?

Your child will do the required **two reading papers** and the **two maths papers**. The spelling, punctuation and grammar test is optional and therefore the children will NOT be completing this particular test.



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Will my child worry?

Teachers try to keep the tests as low key as possible as they are well aware of the children's young age. They are allowed to give the children a rest break if needed, allow more time and stop the test if necessary. Please do not talk excessively about the tests at home as this can sometimes start to worry some children. We try to make the tests sound fun and special and give appropriate praise and reward!

What will the results look like?

The codes that are used are the same for all schools across the country and are as follows:

For maths and English:

WTS means they are working towards the expected standard for Y2 and have not met all the requirements yet

EXS means they have met the expected standard for the end of Year 2 (Key Stage 1)

GDS means they are working at a “greater depth” than the expected standard (ie. above)

In science, there is one significant difference in how the result is reported to you- your child will be graded as HNM (has not met the expected standard) or EXS (has met the expected standard). GDS (greater depth) is not reported for science.

Scaled scores are not automatically reported to parents, but will be available from the school office upon request once the results are sent to you.

When do I receive the results?

You will receive your child’s test results in July along with your child’s annual School Report.

Where can I access past papers or get more information?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials>

How can I best help my child?

- Continue helping him or her with homework on a regular basis.
- It would be useful to revise spellings homework and to practise handwriting.
- Make sure your child is not overtired during the two test weeks and try to ensure his or her full attendance during the test weeks and the run up to the weeks.
- You could complete the practice papers available online with your child if you think it will be of benefit or purchase practice books.



What if my child does not reach the expected standard at the end of Y2?

Please don’t worry if your child has not reached the ‘expected’ stage for the end of Y2. The last few years have been challenging times for our Y2 children and we are all proud of the progress they have made and the dedication, hard work and effort from each and every one of them, whatever their assessment outcome. We shall pass on their results, individual needs and next steps to the relevant junior school staff.

If you have any further queries, please talk to your child’s class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Kay-Wood and the Year 2 Team

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