



Statutory Assessment KS1

2023

Assessing learning



- This is nothing new in school.
- Teachers are assessing learning in one way or another in every lesson, on every day, and in every year group.
- We know that the **most important** part of learning and developing a love of learning is rooted in feeling safe, developing positive behaviour for learning and enjoying the process learning something new.

It won't be a scary process

- We won't be telling the children when it's testing time.
- We've done lots of different learning, and some of it has looked like the statutory test papers.



This should mean 'testing' days don't feel too strange.

When are the tests?

- There is no set date for each test.
- Tests will be administered during the month of May.
- Final teacher assessment judgements are submitted in June. These judgements include consideration of the scores on the statutory tests.
- End of year reports will be sent home as normal.



What tests are there?

There are two English reading papers.

English Paper 1: combined reading prompt and answer booklet.

English Paper 2: reading booklet and answer booklet.



There are two SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) papers.

Paper 1: Spelling

Paper 2: Questions

There are two Mathematics papers -

Paper 1: Arithmetic

Paper 2: Reasoning

Is something missing?

- There is not a writing test paper.
- Writing is assessed through teacher assessment. This assessment considers a wider picture of writing ability across a variety of pieces of writing.



The specifics!



English reading papers

- Each paper emphasises comprehension.
- Paper 2 is more difficult.
- Both papers contain a selection of unrelated texts that get harder throughout the papers.
- All children complete Paper 1 and Paper 2.
- The test cannot be read to the children.



SPAG papers



- These emphasise the importance of the technical aspects of writing.

- Paper 1 tests spelling

- Paper 2 tests knowledge of grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.

- This test can be read to the children.



Delivering this test in school is optional. We do not deliver this test within the Federation but our Year 2 teaching team will form a moderated assessment judgment for each child from a range of written work.

Mathematics papers

- Paper 1 focuses on arithmetic. It is suggested that it should take approximately 20 minutes, but there's no specific time limit.
- Paper 2 focuses on fluency, problem solving and reasoning. It is suggested that this will take approximately 35 minutes, but there's no specific time limit.
- Children are not allowed to use 'practical' resources during the maths papers, but they can use empty number lines for the mental maths element and rulers throughout.
- The test can be read to the children.



Teacher assessment

There is an assessment framework in place to support Teacher Assessment.

All children are assessed against each element of this framework.

For writing and science, the Teacher Assessment judgements stand alone. Where there is also an end of KS1 test, the Teacher Assessment judgement is informed by the test score.



NOTE:

This assessment process means that some children who achieve the 'expected' standard in the tests may not achieve the 'expected' standard overall in their Teacher Assessment judgement.

Similarly, some children who do not achieve the 'expected' standard in the tests may achieve the 'expected' standard overall in their Teacher Assessment judgement. This is when there is evidence to show that children have achieved all of the criteria listed in the framework in a range of work.

We assess the children against the criteria throughout the year. This allows accurate and ongoing teacher assessment.

More information about teacher assessment

- Teacher assessment allows a wider range of work to be considered for final assessment judgments.
- Is based on the results of the statutory assessments (tests), written work, practical work and spoken work that has been done in class.
- Forms a 'bigger picture' of learning as it isn't based on work from a certain period of time or on a certain day etc.



Test Scores

- Each child will receive a raw score in the tests. This is the total number of marks they receive on the test.
- This raw score will then be scaled using a conversion table.
- The conversion tables are published on GOV.UK each year.
- The scaled score of 100 will represent the minimum score for the 'expected' standard on the test.



Participation

All children who meet these criteria are expected to take the tests.



1) Children who are working on the KS1 programme of study.

2) Children who are considered to be working within the standard of the tests.

3) Children who can access the tests.

4) Children who have suitable fluency in English.

Confidentiality

- All statutory test content is confidential until the tests have been taken.
- As there is no set date for the KS1 tests, the material in the tests is confidential until the end of May.
- Teachers will not be able to discuss the content of the tests with you or the children until the end of May.



How do we know the judgements are accurate?



- Some schools will be selected for moderation within the county. This process takes place with trained moderators.
- One of our teachers is a trained county moderator and her expertise supports accurate ongoing assessment.
- We moderate work in our year group teams and across the Federation to ensure consistency and an ongoing focus on what the government 'expected' standard looks like in each subject.
- The Federation also takes part in external moderation with other schools.