

St Bart's Quick Guide To: Key Stage 1 SATs



What are end of key stage 1 assessments?

SATs or Standard Attainment Tests, are national curriculum tests that are usually taken by children at the end of key stage 1 (year 2). These tests are just part of the picture that teachers use to inform their end of year assessments.

- All children are assessed during the summer term of year 2 in order to judge what they have learned over the course of key stage 1 (years 1 and 2).
- Teachers will judge whether each child in their class has achieved the expected standards for the end of key stage 1.
- Teachers will use a range of different evidence to support their judgements, including the children's results in the national curriculum tests, as well as children's independent work they have done in class.
- Teachers will judge what a child can do independently and align this with the national expectations for a child at the end of key stage 1.
- If a teacher believes that a child is working below the level of the tests, then they will just use evidence from the child's independent work in class in order to make their judgement. The child will not need to sit the tests.



What are children tested on?

Maths—Paper 1 Arithmetic (approximately 20 minutes)

Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, including finding fractions.

Maths—Paper 2 Reasoning (approximately 35 minutes)

Solving problems and reasoning. There are 5 questions to read aloud and the children have time to answer the rest of the questions independently

English Reading—both reading papers contain a variety of texts which increase in difficulty. Paper 2 is more challenging than paper 1.

Paper 1—(approximately 30 min)

Short sections of a text for the children to read with questions underneath for them to answer.

Paper 2—(approximately 40 minutes)

A reading booklet with texts and a question booklet to record answers in.



When and how do the tests happen?

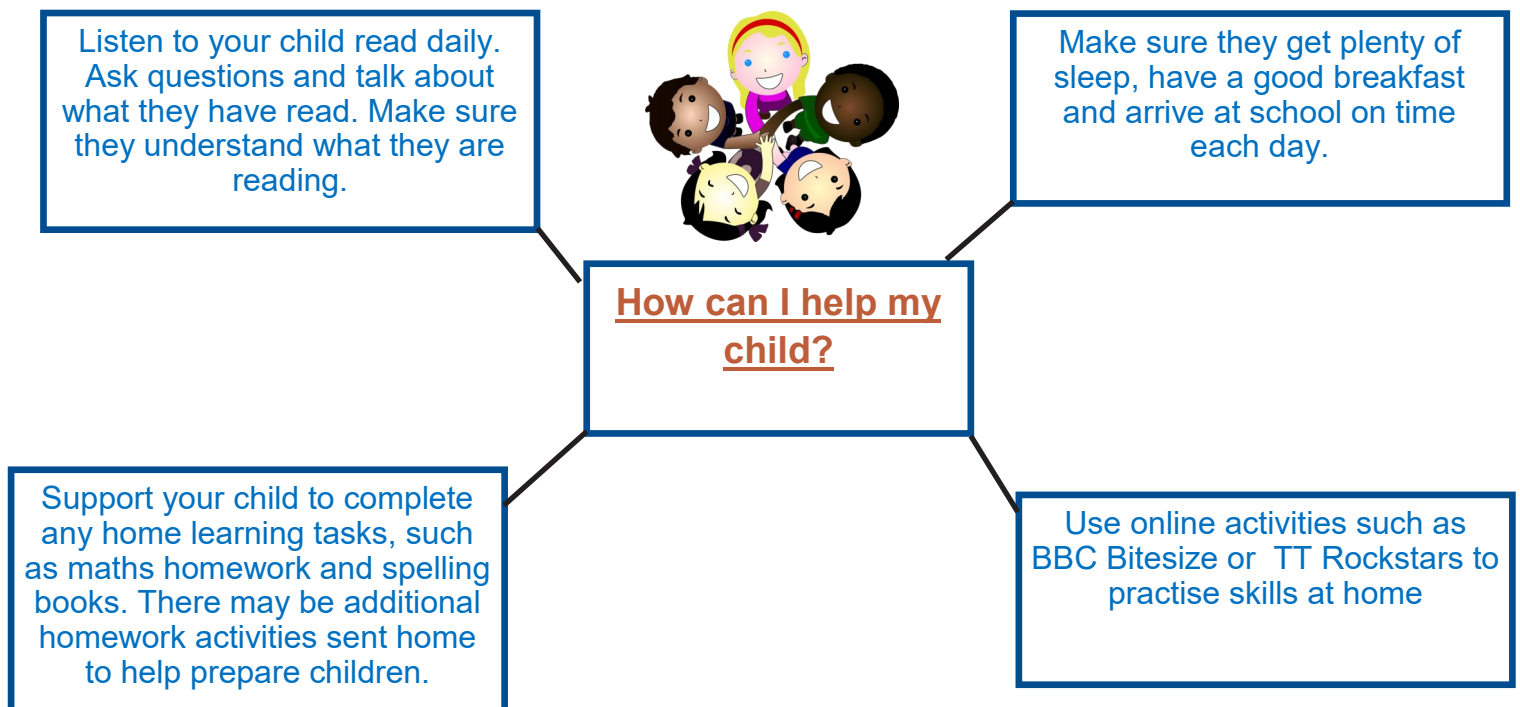
The national window for schools to administer these tests is the month of May.

We will administer assessments throughout the whole of May as these will be staggered and completed in small groups.

- We will not tell the children they are being tested or call them tests.
- The assessments will be timetabled across the weeks in May to prevent children feeling overwhelmed. To them it will be like a usual Maths or English lesson—just completed in a small group.
- There is no writing test. The teachers will make a judgement using the children's writing over the course of year 2.

What happens with the results?

- Test results are not routinely shared with parents or published. They inform the overall teacher assessments.
- Unlike year 6 test results, year 2 results are not a definitive judgement. Teacher assessment can include ALL the work children have done in key stage 1 and the test result merely supports this judgement.
- The school will report all the teacher assessments to the local authority by the end of June 2022. We do not need to report individual test scores.
- Teacher assessments will be shared with parents/carers as part of the end of year reports.



More information is available on the Parents' section of the school website under Key Stage 1 Assessments. Here you will find examples of the different SATs papers from previous years. If you have any questions we will be happy to help. Please see Mrs McCaffrey or your child's class teacher.