Key stage one end of year assessment

May 2016

New curriculum

- •In 2014/15 a new national curriculum framework was introduced by the Government for Years 1, 3, 4 and 5.
- However, Years 2 and 6 (due to statutory testing) continued to study the previous curriculum for one further year.
- •In 2015/16 children in all years at Key Stage 1 and 2 are expected to now study the new national curriculum.
- •KS1 (Year 2) and KS2 SATs (Year 6) will reflect the new curriculum for the first time this year.

Assessment and reporting

- •'Old' national curriculum levels (e.g. Level 1, 2, 3) have now been abolished, as set out in the government guidelines.
- From 2016, test scores will be reported as 'scaled scores'.
- This means it is very difficult to compare the assessment of a previous year with the current year.
- The new curriculum is more rigorous and sets high expectations which all schools have had to work hard to meet since the beginning of last year.

Scaled score

- It is planned that 100 will always represent the 'national standard'.
- Each pupil's raw test score will therefore be converted into a score on the scale, either at, above or below 100.
- The scale will have a lower end point somewhere below 100 and an upper end point above 100.
- A child who achieves the 'national standard' (a score of 100) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the tests.

The tests

- At the end of Year 2, children will take assessments in:
 - Reading;
 - English grammar, punctuation and spelling;
 - · Maths.
- · The tests are due to take place in May of each year.

Reading test

- The Reading Test consists of two separate papers:
 - Paper 1 Contains a selection of texts totalling between 400 and 700 words with questions about the text.
 - Paper 2 Contains a reading booklet of a selection of passages totalling 800 to 1100 words. Children will write their answers to questions about the passage in a separate booklet.
 - Each paper is worth 50% of the marks and should take approximately 30 minutes to complete, although the children are not being assessed at working at speed so will not be strictly timed.
 - The texts will cover a range of poetry, fiction and non-fiction.
 - · Questions are designed to assess the comprehension and understanding of a child's reading.
 - Some questions are multiple choice or selected response, others require
 - short answers and some require an extended response or explanation.

People say that Robin Hood used to live in Sherwood Forest.



Sherwood Forest is an area of woodland in Nottinghamshire. It's a national nature reserve — this means that people are trying to protect the plants and animals found there.

Around 1500 species of beetle and roughly 200 different types of spider live in Sherwood Forest.



14.	What is a 'nature reserve'? T		
	a city near Sherwood Forest	a place where plants and animals are protected	
	a park in Nottinghamshire	a forest where people live with animals	
15.	Name two animals that live in Sherwood Forest.		
	1		
	2		

20.	Look at the table below. Put a tick in each row to show whether
	each statement is true or false.

One has already been done for you.

The information tells us that	True	False
Robin Hood stole from poor people.		1
the Sheriff of Nottingham disliked Robin.		
the Sheriff killed the king's deer.		

How to support your child in reading

- Listening to your child read can take many forms:
 - First and foremost, focus developing an enjoyment and love of reading.
 - Enjoy stories together reading stories to your child is equally as important as listening to your child read.
 - Read a little at a time but often, rather than rarely but for long periods of time!
 - Talk about the story before, during and afterwards discuss the plot, the characters, their feelings and actions, how it makes you feel, predict what will happen and encourage your child to have their own opinions.
 - Look up definitions of words together you could use a dictionary, the Internet or an app on a phone or tablet.
 - All reading is valuable it doesn't have to be just stories. Reading can involve anything from fiction and non-fiction, poetry, newspapers, magazines, football programmes, TV guides.
 - Visit the local library it's free!

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Consists of 2 tests:

Paper 1 - spelling test

Paper 2 - Punctuation and grammar questions

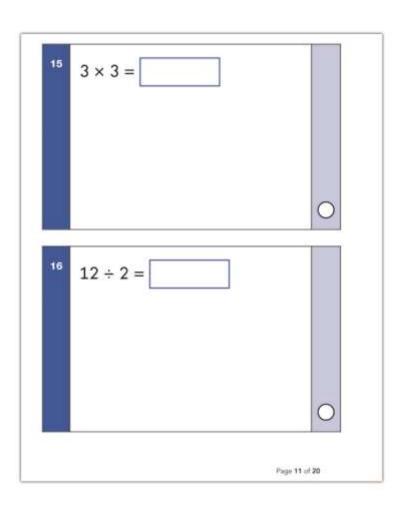
How to support your child in writing

- Practise and learn weekly spelling lists make it fun!
- Encourage opportunities for writing, such as letters to family or friends, shopping lists, notes or reminders, stories or poems.
- Write together be a good role model for writing.
- Encourage use of a dictionary to check spelling.
- Allow your child to use a computer for word processing, which will allow for editing and correcting of errors without lots of crossing out.
- Remember that good readers become good writers! Identify good writing features when reading (e.g. vocabulary, sentence structure, punctuation).
- Show your appreciation: praise and encourage, even for small successes!

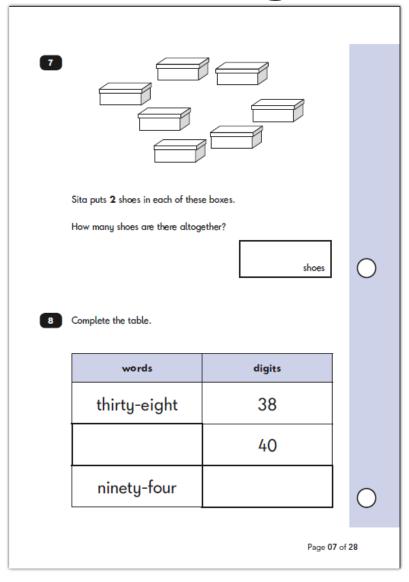
Maths

- Children will sit two tests: Paper 1 and Paper 2:
- Paper 1 is for arithmetic, lasting approximately 25 minutes and worth 25 marks. It covers calculation methods for all operations.
- Paper 2 covers problem solving, reasoning and mathematical fluency, lasts for approximately 35 minutes and is worth 35 marks.
- Pupils will still require calculation skills and questions will be varied including multiple choice, matching, true/false, completing a chart or table or drawing a shape. Some questions will also require children to show or explain their working out.

Paper 1 - Arithmetic



Paper 2 - Reasoning



How to support your child in maths

- Play times tables games.
- Play mental maths games including counting in different amounts, forwards and backwards.
- Encourage opportunities for telling the time.
- Encourage opportunities for counting coins and money e.g. finding amounts or calculating change when shopping.
- Look for numbers on street signs, car registrations and anywhere else.
- Look for examples of 2D and 3D shapes around the home.
- Identify, weigh or measure quantities and amounts in the kitchen or in recipes.
- Play games involving numbers or logic, such as dominoes, card games, draughts or chess.

How to help your child

- •First and foremost, support and reassure your child that there is nothing to worry about and that they should always just try their best. Praise and encourage!
- Ensure your child has the best possible attendance at school.
- Support your child with any homework tasks.
- Reading, spelling and arithmetic (e.g. times tables) regularly.