



# Edgewood Primary School

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## Y6 SATs Tests

Dear parents / carers,

With the Year 6 SATs tests getting closer, we wanted to take the opportunity to give you some information about the tests that the children will be taking in May and what we will be doing to ensure that they are all as fully prepared as possible.

### **What are the KS2 SATs?**

These are tests that all children in Year 6 take in May. They are tested in the following areas:

- GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling)
- Reading
- Maths

Writing is assessed separately by teachers so children are not tested in this area during SATs week.

### **When will the SATs tests take place?**

This year, the KS2 SATs tests will take place from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The timetable will be as follows:

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Grammar paper (45 minutes) and spelling test (approximately 15-20 minutes)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Reading paper (1 hour)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Arithmetic paper (30 minutes) and first maths reasoning paper (40 minutes)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Second maths reasoning paper (40 minutes)

### **Extra individual support during tests**

Some children qualify for extra support in certain tests. In some cases, a child may qualify for either extra time to complete a test or for a reader, who is able to read each question to the child. Readers can only read questions in the grammar test and the two maths reasoning tests and there are strict rules on the support they can give. Some children may qualify for both a reader and extra time while others will get no extra support. The school has to apply to the DfE for extra support for any child we feel may qualify and in each case, it is the DfE who inform us of what support each child can be given.



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## **How are we preparing the children for the tests?**

In the build up to the SATs tests, we are always keen to ensure that the children are getting the same broad curriculum that they receive at all other stages of their time with us at Edgewood. As a result, we do not teach extra maths and English lessons in the afternoons at the expense of other subjects. However, we do a number of things to ensure that the children are as fully prepared as possible:

- Practice SATs papers – In the autumn and spring terms the children get the opportunity to complete practice SATs paper from a previous year.
- After-school booster sessions – we are currently running after-school sessions on Tuesday evenings where children get to practise SATs-style questions in a relaxed environment with support from teachers. Each child who attends gets their own SATs revision booklets, which the school purchases. We also provide biscuits and juice for them.
- Early morning revision sessions – In the week before SATs, children are welcome to come into school from 8.30am to have some time to work through their revision books with support from teachers.
- SATs Breakfast Club – In the week of the SATs tests we invite the Year 6 children into school early for breakfast each morning, where we usually serve them toast, crumpets and fruit. There is no charge for the food and it is a great way for the children to come in and talk to their friends as well as hopefully settling any nerves they may have.
- Interventions – Throughout the year, we put on interventions, which are extra targeted sessions for children who may need more support with maths, reading or grammar. These sessions take place during the school day with groups being reviewed on a termly basis.
- Mock SATs week – In the spring term, we run a mock SATs week, where the children complete past SATs papers in exactly the same conditions as they will have during the tests in May. Children who qualify for a reader have their reader with them and they all get to complete the tests in the rooms they will be in for the actual SATs tests in May. This helps to ensure that when it comes to the actual tests, there will be nothing new or different to what they have already experienced.

## **When will we get the results?**

Results are sent out to schools early in July. There will then be a short period where we will check through all of the results and collate the information for each child so that it can be sent out to parents. This will all happen within a few days of school receiving the results.

## **Do SATs results get sent through to the secondary schools?**

Secondary schools ask us to provide them with a wide-range of data about each child who will be starting with them in Year 7 and this does include the scores they get in their SATs tests.

We hope that you find this information useful, but if you have any further questions regarding the SATs tests, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 5-6 Team