

Valley Gardens Middle School



KS2 SATs Evening - English

Thursday 16th January 2020

English

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General Information

Key Dates

Monday 11th May 2020	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: Grammar
	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: Spelling
Tuesday 12th May 2020	English reading
Wednesday 13th May 2020	Mathematics Paper 1: Arithmetic
Thursday 14 th May 2020	Mathematics Paper 2: Reasoning 1

Assessment and Reporting

All tests are carried out in school and then sent to be marked by a central agency. They are returned to schools shortly before the end of the summer term. Once results are returned to school, we will report the results to parents.

National Curriculum levels are no longer used to report test results. Test scores are now reported as 'scaled scores'. Your child's score will be converted to a scaled score, which will normally range from 80 to 120. A 'scaled score' of 100 or higher represents the 'expected standard' on the test. Pupils gaining 110 or more are judged as working at 'greater depth'.

How to Help Your Child in English

- Enjoy reading with your child and listen to them read - talk about what has happened in the text and how the author uses language.
- Read a little and often - needless to say some children love to read, others not so much.
- Use the interests your child has to influence choice of reading and use a variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction. All reading is valuable.
- Use the stem questions supplied in the handout to talk about texts with your child.
- Help your child with the spellings they have to learn - they all have their Ninja/Samurai spelling booklets.
- Encourage opportunities to write - letters to family, stories, poems, articles, diary entries.
- Provide a dictionary that belongs to them and encourage them to use it. Look up words they don't understand from their reading and check spelling in writing.
- Take full advantage of the additional support offered to the pupils throughout the Spring Term, including pre-school sessions, intervention and drop-in support sessions.
- Use the recommended revision guides to help support your child. Please ask for information if you do not have a leaflet from the previous meeting. The revision guides are available for 'Expected Standard' and 'Higher Standard' and your child's English teacher can advise which to get.

English Information

KS2 Reading paper

The reading test consists of a single paper, with three unrelated texts. These are often a mix of fiction, non-fiction or poetry. Children have one hour to complete, which includes reading the texts and answering the questions.

A total of 50 marks are available, with marks turned into the scaled score.

Questions are designed to test the comprehension and understanding of a child's reading.

There will be a selection of question types which focus on the domains children are assessed against. These are included in this handout, with suggested questions that you can use when talking about reading with your child.

Question types include:

- Ranking/ordering
- Labelling
- Find and copy
- Short constructed response
- Open-ended response – mainly for 3 mark questions

Writing

At KS2, writing is teacher assessed and children complete a number of different writing tasks independently. Pupils have the opportunity to write in a number of different styles and genres over the year. These are then assessed by class teachers, standardised internally and externally moderated.

The Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Tests

The spelling tests is completed in class and consists of 20 words. This lasts approximately 15 minutes.

A separate test is given for Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar. The test lasts for 45 minutes and consists of short answer questions, including some multiple choice. This paper is challenging and may surprise many parents with the depth of technical knowledge required from pupils. This test is marked out of 50, but in many cases the children have to complete multiple tasks to get 1 or 2 marks and it is vital they read the question fully to make sure they know what to do.

Marks for this test and spelling are added together, giving an overall mark out of 70 and again, marks are turned into the scaled score.

Useful links for supporting your child at home

- www.bbc.bitesize.com (KS2) which gives free resources, advice and some fun activities.
- www.theschoolrun.com which has a variety free resources and activities and gives advice.
- www.cgpbooks.co.uk for additional support materials
- www.satspapers.org for a range of older sats papers
- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/425601/PRIMARY_national_curriculum.pdf for information about the KS2 curriculum requirements and word lists.