

# **Assessments and Tests:** an overview for parents

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## **Test Time**

- At the end of Year 2 your children will be assessed in Reading, Writing and Maths at either 'emerging', 'expected' or 'exceeding'. This judgement is reached using:
- a) The result of a test
- b) A few pieces of work in class
- c) Careful assessment of all the work your children have produced throughout the year in class, including the statutory tests.



## The School Curriculum:

The school curriculum comprises all learning and other experiences that each school plans for its pupils



# Assessing, recording and reporting

Our assessment principles (see website)

- Ongoing formative assessment: helps teachers to understand children's learning; plan and prepare lessons; a dialogue with children helping them know what to do to improve
  - Marking in books
  - Verbal discussion with children
  - Mark books with, for example, spelling test scores
- Summative assessment: designed to give information that allows the school to track progress against national standards, monitor performance and give parents information
  - End of year tests and reporting standardised NFER tests; 'SATs'
  - Formal Teacher Assessment uses test results to inform judgements
  - Other formal assessments made during the year



# End of year reporting

### **Our principles:**

- We aim to give reliable and meaningful information to parents about how children are doing and how the school is performing.
- This information will be clear, transparent and communicated in a format that parents can understand and also use to assistemputing their child's future learning.

## Summative reporting

- 'Emerging'; 'Expected';'Exceeding'
- End of infants and juniors receive raw test scores and standardised 'scaled' score



## Assessment Process

- Nursery: track and report against EYFS framework
- Reception: end of year Early Years Foundation Stage assessment (17 Early Learning Goals: Emerging, Expected, Exceeding)
- **Year I: Phonics screening**, track and report against National Curriculum
- Year 2: end of infants statutory Teacher Assessment
- Year 3: track and report against National Curriculum
- Year 4: track and report against National Curriculum
- Year 5: track and report against National Curriculum
- **Year 6: end of year tests and Teacher Assessment**

We track and record every child's progress in reading, writing and mathematics to ensure **key knowledge and skills** are understood. This is reported to parents at the end of the school year.

## Year I: Phonics Screening Check

- Designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard.
- The check consists of 20 real words and 20 pseudowords that a child reads aloud to the teacher.





# Year 2: End of Key Stage I Assessments

### End of year judgments

- At the end of Year 2 your children will be assessed in Reading, Writing and Maths at either 'emerging', 'expected' or 'exceeding'.
- This judgement will be reached through careful assessment of all the work your children have produced throughout the year in class
- The statutory tests will form part of the overall teacher assessment judgement



# Year 2: End of Key Stage I Assessments

These are the tests that contribute to the overall Teacher Assessment judgement:

- English reading Paper I: combined reading prompt and answer booklet
- English reading Paper 2: reading booklet and reading answer booklet
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: spelling
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: questions
- mathematics Paper I: arithmetic
- mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
- (There is no 'writing' test)

Children receive a raw score from the test that is converted to a scaled score. 100 will always represent the 'expected standard'. The maximum score possible is 115 and the minimum is 85.



# Year 2 sample papers-reading

## The Blackbird and his Wife

Once upon a time there lived a blackbird and his wife. They sang so sweetly that everyone passing beneath the tree would stop and listen. It was the most beautiful music; it was as though gold and silver rain were falling into your ears.

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Why did the king want to have the blackbirds?

## **Plastics and the Environment**

#### What is a plastic?

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Plastic is a material we all use every day. The first plastics were made more than 100 years ago from parts of plants.



Plastics can be useful for people but bad for the planet. Here are some of the reasons.

Good points	Bad points
Plastics can be shaped into almost anything.	Plastics can be difficult to recycle
lastics are light and cheap to make.	Plastics can give off poisonous fumes when they melt.
Plastics can be produced in different colours.	Plastics are made from oil, which is running out.
lastics do not rot.	Plastics do not rot.

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A Stand

So Monster was not very happy when a little boat came drifting towards them. But it cheered Frog up.

"This must be our lucky day," he said. "Come on, Monster."

"I've never been in a boat," said Monster.

The two friends climbed in and Frog pulled hard on the oars.

An ant nest Ants build their nests with hundreds of tinu rooms joined up by tunnels.

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Worker ants and grubs

Worker ants are always busy. They like to keep their nest clean and tidy. Some feed and clean the queen. Others take her eggs to a special room where they hatch into grubs.

What joins the rooms in an ant nest together?

Why did Frog say, "This must be our lucky day"?

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Monster liked boats.	A boat drifted towards them.
They were by the sea.	It was a sunny day.

Why was Monster worried?

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## Spelling, punctuation and grammar

Look at where the arrow is pointing. The children went home Josh had enjoyed his party.	Spelling
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Which punctuation mark is missing? Tick <b>one</b> .	1. Hannah ran than Lee.
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full stop	
12 Circle the ve	erbs in the sentence below.
Yesterday v	was the school sports day and Jo wore her
new runnir	ig shoes.

## Maths - arithmetic





## Maths-reasoning

Two of the numbers are in the wrong bag.

Draw a cross (X) on each of them.





Sita cuts a pizza into four equal slices.

She eats one slice.

What fraction of the pizza does she eat?



Sam is collecting cards.

He wants to collect 100 cards altogether.

Last week he collected 50 cards.

This week he collects 30 cards.

How many more cards does he need?



cards

# Year 2: end of year expectations for 2018 - reading

### Working at the expected standard

The pupil can:

- read accurately most words of two or more syllables
- read most words containing common suffixes\*
- read most common exception words.\*

In age-appropriate books, the pupil can:

- read words accurately and fluently without overt sounding and blending, e.g. at over 90 words per minute
- sound out most unfamiliar words accurately, without undue hesitation.

In a familiar book that they can already read accurately and fluently, the pupil can:

- check it makes sense to them
- answer questions and make some inferences on the basis of what is being said and done.



# Year 2: end of year expectations for 2018 - writing

### Working at the expected standard

The pupil can, after discussion with the teacher:

- write simple, coherent narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real or fictional)
- write about real events, recording these simply and clearly
- demarcate most sentences in their writing with capital letters and full stops, and use question marks correctly when required
- use present and past tense mostly correctly and consistently
- use co-ordination (e.g. or / and / but) and some subordination (e.g. when / if / that / because) to join clauses
- segment spoken words into phonemes and represent these by graphemes, spelling
  many of these words correctly and making phonically-plausible attempts at others
- spell many common exception words\*
- form capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters.



# Year 2: end of year expectations for 2018 - mathematics

### Working at the expected standard

The pupil can:

- partition two-digit numbers into different combinations of tens and ones. This may
  include using apparatus (e.g. 23 is the same as 2 tens and 3 ones, which is the
  same as 1 ten and 13 ones)
- add 2 two-digit numbers within 100 (e.g. 48 + 35) and can demonstrate their method using concrete apparatus or pictorial representations
- use estimation to check that their answers to a calculation are reasonable (e.g. knowing that 48 + 35 will be less than 100)
- subtract mentally a two-digit number from another two-digit number when there is no regrouping required (e.g. 74 – 33)



# Year 2: end of year expectations for 2018 – mathematics (continued)

- recognise the inverse relationships between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and work out missing number problems (e.g. Δ – 14 = 28)
- recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables to solve simple problems, demonstrating an understanding of commutativity as necessary (e.g. knowing they can make 7 groups of 5 from 35 blocks and writing 35 ÷ 5 = 7; sharing 40 cherries between 10 people and writing 40 ÷ 10 = 4; stating the total value of six 5p coins)
- identify <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, <sup>2</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and knows that all parts must be equal parts of the whole.
- use different coins to make the same amount (e.g. use coins to make 50p in different ways; work out how many £2 coins are needed to exchange for a £20 note)
- read scales in divisions of ones, twos, fives and tens in a practical situation where all numbers on the scale are given (e.g. pupil reads the temperature on a thermometer or measures capacities using a measuring jug)
- read the time on the clock to the nearest 15 minutes
- describe properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes (e.g. the pupil describes a triangle: it has 3 sides, 3 vertices and 1 line of symmetry; the pupil describes a pyramid: it has 8 edges, 5 faces, 4 of which are triangles and one is a square).

## Formative assessment - English

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## Formative assessment - Maths



## **Further information ...**

- Chase Bridge's Assessment Principles <u>http://chasebridgeprimary.fluencycms.co.uk/Assessment-principles</u>
- Early Years Foundation Stage Framework <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2</u>
- National curriculum in England: primary curriculum <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum</u>
- Key Stage I Assessment and reporting arrangements <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2018-key-stage-1-assessment-and-reporting-arrangements-ara</u>
- National curriculum tests and scaled scores (2017) <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores</u>
- Teacher assessment frameworks at the end of key stage I <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-assessment-frameworks-at-the-end-of-key-stage-I</u>
- Teacher assessment frameworks at the end of key stage 2 <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teacher-assessment-frameworks-at-theeded-of-key-stage-2</u>