

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT...

PRIMARY CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT IN 2016

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Some children may be assessed on entry to reception class.

Schools might use teacher assessment or computerised systems.

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Children in Year 1 will be tested by their teacher using the Phonics Screening Check to assess their word skills.

If your child is below their expected level, they will get additional help and will then be re-tested in Year 2. This is to ensure that they are progressing as they should.

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There is no test for writing in Year 2 or Year 6 and children's writing will be evaluated by teacher assessment.

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Children's attainment in the Year 2 and Year 6 tests will be reported as a scaled score from 2016.

This is due to national curriculum levels and sub-levels having now been abolished in response to concerns about their reliability and validity.

**CHILDREN IN YEAR 2
AND YEAR 6 WILL
BE ASSESSED IN:**

ENGLISH GRAMMAR,
PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING

READING
COMPREHENSION

MATHEMATICS ARITHMETIC
AND
MATHEMATICAL REASONING

Don't worry - these are not qualifications and don't affect your child's future options in school. The results will be used to make sure the school is supporting your child appropriately.

Most Year 2 pupils won't be aware they are taking the tests as they will be incorporated into classroom practice.

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Because schools haven't used scaled scores before, it is not possible to compare the school's performance in 2016 with previous year's results.

PLEASE NOTE: a lower test score doesn't mean that your school is not doing as well as in previous years. It is just a different method of reporting attainment.

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Your child will take these tests on the following dates:

Date	Year	Subject
May	Year 2	English reading 2 papers: short text and questions; longer text with separate questions
May	Year 2	English 2 papers: spelling; punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)
May	Year 2	Mathematics 2 papers: arithmetic; reasoning
Monday 9 May	Year 6	English reading 1 paper
Tuesday 10 May	Year 6	English 2 papers: spelling; punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)
Wednesday 11 May	Year 6	Mathematics 2 papers: arithmetic; reasoning
Thursday 12 May	Year 6	Mathematics 1 paper: mathematical reasoning