

Valley Gardens Middle School



KS2 SATs Information Evening

Tuesday 7th March

English & Mathematics

General Information

Key Dates

Date	Subject	Paper
Monday 8 th May	English:Reading	1 paper: Reading
Tuesday 9 th May	English: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	2 papers: Punctuation, Vocabulary and Grammar; Spelling
Wednesday 10 th May	Mathematics	2 papers:Arithmetic and Reasoning 1
Thursday 11 th May	Mathematics	1 paper: Reasoning 2

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 and Maths

- 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.
- Use the links on the Valley Gardens Middle School website (curriculum areas / mathematics) to support your child in topics they found challenging in lessons.
- Do some regular times tables practice with your child (5 minutes each day is ideal).
- Gradually work through the KS2 mathematics SAT papers given out this evening, talking through the questions with your child.

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.

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

Sample Questions

- Look at page 2.
How can you tell that Maria was very keen to get to the island?

- Look at the paragraph beginning: *The tiny island...* to the paragraph ending: *...were cut into it.*
What impressions of the island do you get from these two paragraphs?
Give **two**.
1. _____
2. _____

2 marks

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.

Marks for this test and spelling are added together, giving an overall mark out of 70.

Sample Questions

- Complete the sentence below so that it uses the **subjunctive form**.
If I _____ to have one wish, it would be for good health.

1 mark

- Draw a line to match each word with its **synonym**.

Word	Synonym
vast	dull
swift	busy
drab	huge
bustling	fast

1 mark

- Rewrite the sentence below so that it is written in the **passive voice**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The pouring rain drenched us.

1 mark

Useful links for supporting your child at home

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english which gives free resources and advice and some fun activities.

www.theschoolrun.com which has a variety free resources and activities and gives advice.

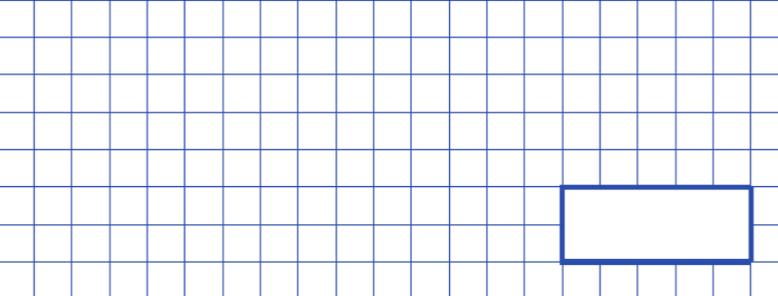
Maths Information

KS2 Arithmetic Paper (Paper 1)

The arithmetic paper consists of a single paper with 36 questions (totalling 40 marks). Children have 30 minutes to complete the paper. All questions in this test are purely arithmetic, there are no worded or problem solving questions. Questions are largely drawn from the Year 5 and Year 6 National Curriculum objectives.

To be successful at this paper children will need to be fluent both in key facts (e.g. number bonds and times tables) and in using mental and written methods of calculation. A full guide to the written methods we use at Valley Gardens is included in this document (see 'Calculation Policy').

Sample Questions

27	$95\% \text{ of } 320 =$	<input type="text"/>	1 mark
			

28	$325,226 - 37,492 =$	<input type="text"/>	1 mark
	