

Year 6 SATs 2025:

A guide for parents and carers.



Key Dates:

SATs Week: Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2025

Monday	English - SPaG Paper 1: Grammar and Punctuation	45 minutes
	English – SPaG Paper 2: Spelling	15 minutes (approx.)
Tuesday	English – Reading	1 hour
Wednesday	Maths - Paper 1: Arithmetic	30 minutes
	Maths - Paper 2: Reasoning	40 minutes
Thursday	Maths - Paper 3: Reasoning	40 minutes

English – SPaG Paper 1:

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Paper 1) focuses on the following areas:

- Grammatical terms / word classes
- Functions of sentences
- Combining words, phrases and clauses
- Verb forms, tenses and consistency
- Punctuation
- Vocabulary
- Standard English and formality

The children know that **correct punctuation and spelling are essential** to gain marks.

Draw a line to match each word to the correct **suffix**.
Use each suffix only once.

Word	Suffix
accomplish	ful
forgive	ment
joy	ish
fool	ness

Circle the correct word in each box to complete the sentences in **Standard English**.

Pass me

them
those

 cartons, please.

You sang that song very

good.
well.

We always

did
done

 our homework on time.

Rewrite the sentence below in the **passive**.
Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The wind damaged the fence.

Which sentence must **not** end with an **exclamation mark**?

Tick **one**.

You really must wear a coat ☐

What a dreadful day I had ☐

What is the temperature now ☐

The wind is very strong today ☐

Insert a **semi-colon** in the correct place in the sentence below.

Frank would like to go to Cornwall next summer he might also visit France in the spring.

Questions are worth 1 mark each.

English – SPaG Paper 2:

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
(Paper 1) focuses on spelling.

1. Our dogs are _____ and full of energy.
2. The swans nested on an _____ in the lake.
3. We met a _____ writer.
4. The linen fabric had a rough _____.
5. It is important to stay safe on _____ media.

Some of last year's words included:

island
symbol
frequently
veins
league
chaos
queue
solution
reluctance
memorable
persuasion
referring
nutritious

20 words are tested in total.

Neat, clear handwriting is essential!



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English – Reading:

- The children have 3 texts to read.
- Previously, fiction, non-fiction and poetry have been covered
- Questions cover fact retrieval, inference, predicting, summarising, understanding vocabulary and explaining vocabulary and structural choices of the author.

Tips:

- Read daily.
- Read a range of genres.
- Discuss books.
- Read questions carefully and make sure handwriting is clear.

English – Reading:

Reading stamina is key!

Year	Text 1	Text 2	Text 3	Total word count	Pass mark (out of 50)
2022	474 (Fiction)	538 (Non-fiction)	541 (Fiction)	1,553	29
2023	627 (Fiction)	808 (Non-fiction)	611 (Fiction)	2,046	24
2024	578 (Non-fiction)	648 (Fiction)	786 (Fiction)	2,012	27

- Traditionally, the first text is easier. This was not the case in 2024.
- Will poetry make a comeback? (It was last seen in 2018.)

How can you tell streaked tenrecs are *social animals*?

1 mark

Read the paragraph beginning: *They are not hedgehogs...*

Find and **copy one** word that means the same as 'met'.

1 mark

Read the paragraph beginning: "*Help me up,*" *I said...* to the paragraph ending: *...feel wonderfully light.*

Write the numbers 1–4 to show the order that Louie got onto the rope.

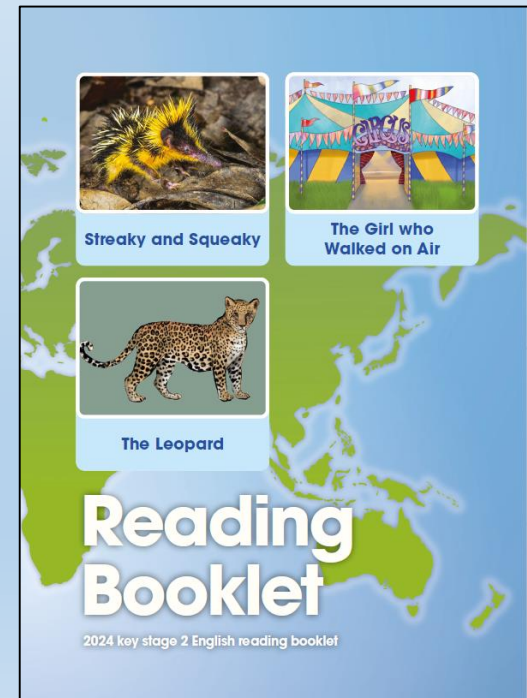
Louie balanced on her stomach on the rope. ☐

Louie stood up straight and looked forward. ☐

Louie looked down towards Ned. ☐

Louie pushed off Ned's hands. ☐

1 mark



Look at page 7.

Give **two** pieces of evidence that tightrope walking is difficult.

1. _____

2. _____

2 marks

Look at the whole text.

Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
There are many different types of tenrec.		
Highland tenrecs have white streaks.		
Tenrecs communicate by stamping their forepaws on the ground.		
Tenrecs live for a long time.		
Lowland streaked tenrecs like to live alone.		

2 marks

Ruskin's personality made him different from the hunters he met in the forest.

Explain **two** ways in which his personality made him different from them, using evidence from the text to support each answer.

1. _____

2. _____

3 marks

Maths – Paper 1 Arithmetic:

Arithmetic covers:

- 4 operations (written and mental methods for +, -, x and ÷)
 - BIDMAS
 - Place value
 - Fractions, decimals and percentages.
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- 36 questions in 30 minutes!
 - Children need to know number facts and calculation methods.
 - Long x and long ÷ questions are worth 2 marks.
 - **Correct number formation is essential.**

$9 \times 41 =$

$5.87 + 3.123 =$

$602 - \boxed{} = 594$

$3^3 =$

$60 \div (30 - 24) =$

$35\% \text{ of } 320 =$

$0.9 \div 100 =$

36	83 8051	2 marks
Show your method		

			8	3	6				
x			2	7					

$1\frac{3}{7} - \frac{4}{7} =$

$\frac{5}{6} \times 540 =$

$\frac{2}{3} \div 3 =$

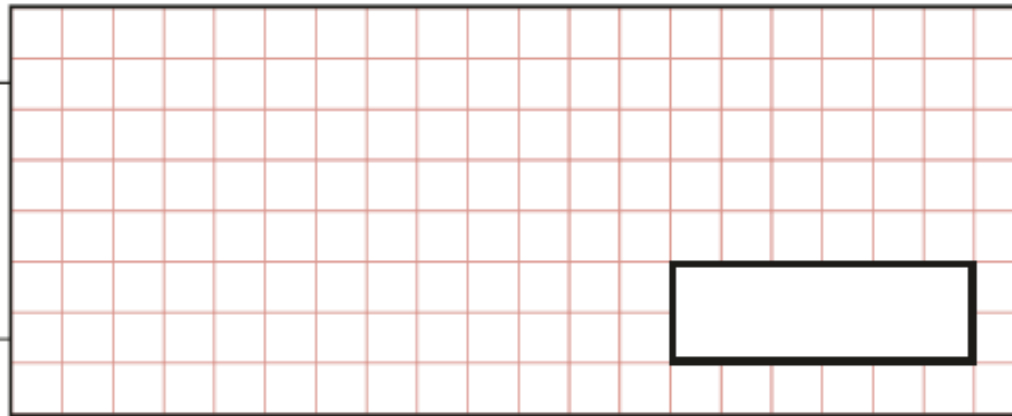
$1\frac{3}{4} \times 10 =$

Maths – Paper 2 & 3 Reasoning:

Questions focus on the following areas:

- **Number and place value** – including Roman Numerals, rounding and negative numbers
- **+, -, x and ÷** (usually in the context of problem solving.)
- **Geometry** – properties of shapes (including angles), position & direction
- **Statistics** – tables, different types of graphs, pie charts & finding the mean
- **Measurement** – length, area, perimeter, mass (weight), volume, time & money
- **Algebra**
- **Ratio and proportion**
- **Fractions, decimals and percentages.**

Show
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2 marks

This sign shows the number of **empty spaces** on each level of a car park at 10 am.

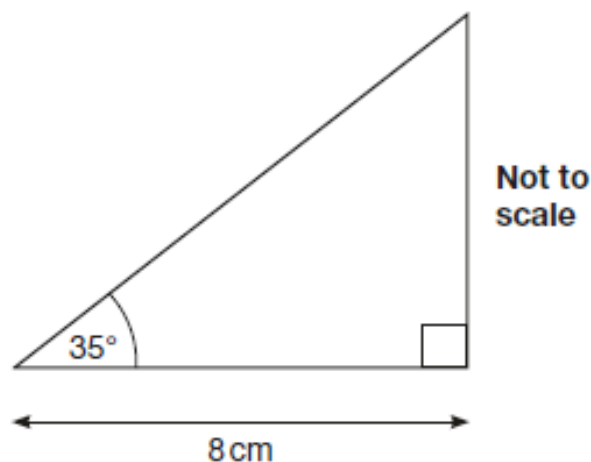
P	Empty Spaces	
Level 2	511	
Level 1	268	

In this car park, **each** level has 800 spaces.

What is the total number of cars **parked** in the car park at 10 am?

Here is a sketch of a triangle.

It is not drawn to scale.



Draw the full-size triangle **accurately** below.

Use an angle measurer (protractor) and a ruler.

One line has been drawn for you.

Here are three symbols.

< > =

Write one symbol in each box to make the statements correct.

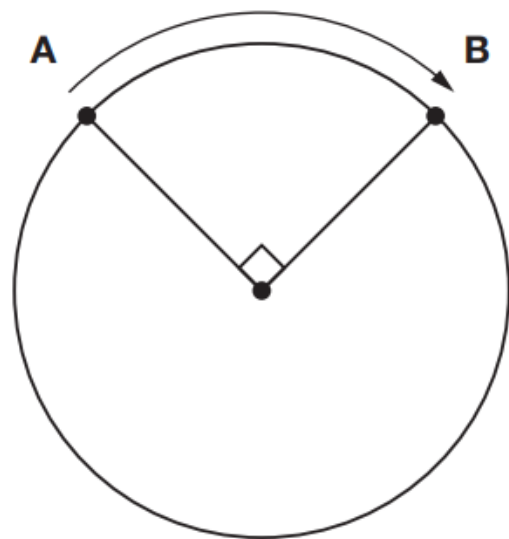
$$\frac{7}{10} \quad \boxed{} \quad 0.07$$

$$\frac{23}{1000} \quad \boxed{} \quad 0.23$$

Complete the table.

	Round 39,476
to the nearest 10,000	
to the nearest 1,000	
to the nearest 100	

The **circumference** of this circle is 60 centimetres.



Not
actual
size

What is the distance around the edge of the circle from **A** to **B**?

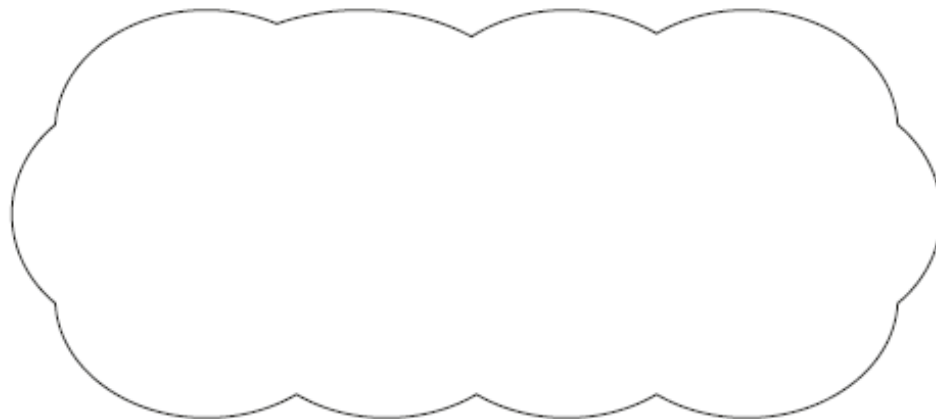
Circle the **prime** number.

95

89

87

Explain how you know the other numbers are **not** prime.



x and y are whole numbers **less than 10**

What could x and y be?

$$x + 2y = 20$$

$x =$

$y =$

Writing:

Writing is assessed by teachers and is moderated to ensure that judgements are accurate. Final judgements are based on a range of writing that has been done independently in class.

Essentials include:

- Neat, consistent and joined handwriting.
- Accurate spelling, including use of Y5/6 vocabulary.
- Accurate use of a range of punctuation including:

A . ? ! , ‘ “ ” ; : () -

Experience tells us that the more the children read, the better they write.



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How can you help now?

- Regular attendance and being on time (8.45am)
- Enough sleep (at least 8 hours.)
- Breakfast
- Having everything they need for the day.
- Support with homework including spellings, reading and revision.
- Find a healthy balance – too much stress or expectation usually has the opposite effect you are aiming for.



Use the school app and our class pages to keep up to date with important information.

What next?

- Final set of mock SATs - just before Easter. (We will go through these with the children to build confidence and plug gaps.)
- Parent consultations - w/b 31st March. (These will focus on progress towards end of KS2 targets.)
- Weekly homework will continue to build towards SATs.
- Revision will be done in school, but children will also be given packs to go alongside revision books to use at home. (Easter holidays.)
- Y6 revision page on the school website.
- Advice will be given to the children about how to revise and how to look after themselves.
- During SATs week – Breakfast Club!

Any questions?

