



Parent Meeting

End of

Key Stage 2

Assessments



The 'New' Curriculum and Assessment

- At the beginning of September 2014 the coalition government introduced a New Primary National Curriculum in England.
- The national level system (4C, 4B, 4A) that had been in place for over 10 years and used to assess children across the country was made obsolete.
- Individual schools had to create their own assessment systems. Coldean continued to develop the RAC, MAC and WAC sheets.
- At the end of each academic year each child is now assessed against Age Related Expectations (ARE).

The New Curriculum and Assessment

- At the end of Key Stage 2 (Year 6) the children will continue to take a series of tests to determine if they have met ARE.
- The levels have been replaced by a pass or fail system. Children who pass the test will be deemed Secondary Ready. Children who exceed age related expectations in the tests will be Secondary Ready Plus.
- Schools are legally required to report to parents whether their child passed or failed the tests.

Key Stage 2 Assessment week will be:

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May 2019



The children will sit the following tests
in English:

English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS)

- **Paper 1** - comprises 40 to 50 short-answer questions covering grammar, punctuation and vocabulary (45 minutes)
- **Paper 2** - spelling test with 20 questions (approximately 15 minutes)

The children will sit the following tests
in English:

Reading

- **Paper 1** - reading comprehension based on a selection of texts, with a total of 50 questions (60 minutes including reading time)

The children will sit the following tests
in mathematics:

Mathematics

- **Paper 1 – arithmetic:** assesses pupils' confidence with the range of mathematical operations (36 questions in 30 minutes)
- **Paper 2 and Paper 3 – mathematical reasoning:** mathematical fluency, solving mathematical problems and mathematical reasoning (20 questions in 40 minutes per paper)

How is writing different?

Writing

- The children do not sit a test for writing. The children's independent writing is regularly assessed against ARE. This is an on going assessment and a final judgement is made during the Summer term.
- As a staff, we attend regular moderation meetings, in school and externally within Local Authority.

Science

- Whilst there is no externally set assessment for science, Primary schools are legally required to report if a Year 6 child is Secondary Ready in this subject. This year we will be completing a series of revision sessions and assessment tasks.
- The results from the tasks will be combined with teacher assessment.

Results Last Year

Test	Coldean	National
Reading	76%	75%
Writing	72%	78%
GPS	74%	78%
Maths	74%	76%
Combined	62%	64%

The following chart gives the timetable for Key Stage 2 Assessments in 2019

Date	Test
Monday 13 th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 and Paper 2
Tuesday 14 th May	English Reading Test
Wednesday 15 th May	Mathematics Paper 1 – arithmetic test Mathematics Paper 2 – reasoning test
Thursday 16 th May	Mathematics Paper 3 – reasoning test

Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if my child is ill or sick during the Assessment week?

- As the end of Key Stage 2 Assessments are externally set tests there are strict guidelines on the when the tests must be taken.
- If your child is ill during this week, please phone the school as soon as possible. It may be that your child can just come into school to take the test.

Are the tests stressful for children?

Assessment week can be stressful. However we try our hardest to alleviate this:

- Every morning before the test Y6 will gather together for juice and a snack.
- The children will sit the tests in groups (not altogether in one space).
- Every day after the tests are finished the children will go swimming.
- Every afternoon the children have fun activities.

Are the tests stressful for children?

Things to do at home:

- Please make sure your child has plenty of sleep during the Assessment week.
- Encourage your child to eat breakfast before coming to school.
- Ensure that your child gets to school on time.

Five Top Tips for Supporting your Child

- 1 Make sure you know what homework is set and encourage your child to do it thoroughly.
- 2 At home, encourage your child to read quietly for at least 20 minutes each day.
- 3 Find opportunities for your child to use numbers in everyday situations and encourage them to work out calculations in their head.
- 4 Encourage your child to participate in things that interest them and talk about it with them.
- 5 Help your child to be ready to learn and not tired when they go to school.

Homework

Homework Grid Year 6 Spring Term 2018-2019

Week Beginning	English	Maths
Monday 31 st December 2018	Grammar Book Pages 26-27	Question Book Pages 33-34
Monday 7 th January 2019	Punctuation Book Pages 30	Question Book Pages 35
Monday 14 th January 2019	Grammar Book Pages 28-31	Question Book Pages 36-37
Monday 21 st January 2019	Punctuation Book Pages 31	Question Book Pages 38-39
Monday 28 th January 2019	Grammar Book Pages 32-37	Question Book Pages 40-43
Monday 4 th February 2019	Punctuation Book Pages 32-33	Question Book Pages 44-45
Monday 11 th February 2019	Grammar Book Pages 38-39	Question Book Pages 46-47
Week Beginning	English	Maths
Monday 25 th February 2019	Punctuation Book Pages 34-35	Question Book Pages 48-49
Monday 4 th March 2019	Grammar Book Pages 40-43	Question Book Pages 50-52
Monday 11 th March 2019	Punctuation Book Pages 36-37	Question Book Pages 53-55
Monday 18 th March 2019	Grammar Book Pages 44-45	Question Book Pages 56-57
Monday 25 th March 2019	Punctuation Book Pages 38-39	Question Book Pages 58-59
Monday 1 st April 2019	Grammar Book Pages 46-47	Question Book Pages 60-61
Monday 8 th April 2019	Punctuation Book Pages 40-41	Question Book Pages 62-63

Homework Grid Year 6 Summer Term 2018-2019

Week Beginning	English	Maths
Monday 22 nd April 2019	Grammar Book Pages 48-50	Question Book Pages 64-65
Monday 29 th April 2019	Punctuation Book Pages 42-44	Question Book Pages 66-69
Monday 6 th May 2019	Grammar Book Pages 58-59	Question Book Pages 70-71
Monday 13 th May 2019	SATS Week	SATS Week

Homework Club is on a Friday
lunchtime.