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# In May, Year 6 will sit tests in:

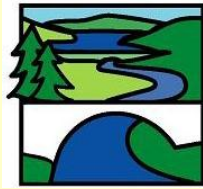
- Reading,
- Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG),
- and Maths

These tests will be both set and marked externally.

# When will they happen?

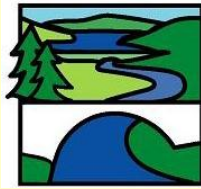
<b>Date</b>	<b>Test</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	English Reading (1 hour)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	English Punctuation and Grammar (45 minutes) English Spelling (20 minutes)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 1 – Arithmetic (30 minutes) Maths Paper 2 – Reasoning (40 minutes)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths Paper 3 – Reasoning (40 minutes)

# The Reading test



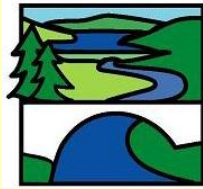
- This is a single paper with questions based on three passages of text. **Your child will have one hour, including reading time, to complete the test.**
- There will be a selection of question types, including:
- **Ranking/ordering**, e.g. ‘Number the events below to show the order in which they happen in the story’
- **Labelling**, e.g. ‘Label the text to show the title of the story’
- **Find and copy**, e.g. ‘Find and copy one word that suggests what the weather is like in the story’
- **Short constructed response**, e.g. ‘What does the bear eat?’
- **Open-ended response**, e.g. ‘Look at the sentence that begins *Once upon a time*. How does the writer increase the tension throughout this paragraph? Explain fully, referring to the text in your answer.’

# The SPaG test



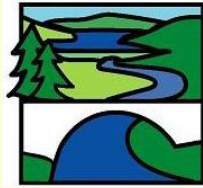
- The spelling, punctuation and grammar test will consist of two parts: a **grammar and punctuation paper** requiring short answers, lasting 45 minutes , and a **spelling test of 20 words**, lasting around 15 minutes.
- The grammar and punctuation test will include two sub-types of questions:
  - **Selected response**, e.g. ‘Identify the adjectives in the sentence below’,
  - **Constructed response**, e.g. ‘Correct/complete/rewrite the sentence below,’ or, ‘The sentence below has an apostrophe missing. Explain why it needs an apostrophe.’

# Maths test



- Children will sit three papers in maths:
- Paper 1: **arithmetic**, 30 minutes,
- Papers 2 and 3: **reasoning**, 40 minutes per paper.
- Paper 1 will consist of arithmetic questions, where children have to give the correct answer to calculations, using the correct formal written method. Papers 2 and 3 will involve a number of problem solving question types, including:
  - Multiple choice,
  - True or false,
  - Constrained questions, e.g. giving the answer to a calculation, drawing a shape or completing a table or chart,
  - Less constrained questions, where children will have to explain their approach for solving a problem.

# How will the tests marked?



- The previous [national curriculum levels](#) have been scrapped, and instead children will be given scaled scores.
- **You will be given your child's raw score (the actual number of marks they get), alongside their scaled score and whether they have reached the national average.** The score needed to reach the national average has yet to be announced.

## **Last year's scores**

- Maths – 60 marks out of 110
- Reading – 21 marks out of 50
- SPaG – 45 marks out of 70

Although these are likely to change this year!

# Supporting Pupils

- Pastoral support is at the heart of everything we do at Bellingham Middle School and Miss Mason is the first point of contact for any worries or concerns.
- Whilst we understand that some children may feel nervous, we do everything we can to put their minds at ease and fully prepare them.



# How can you help with reading?

- Ensure your child reads every night
- Encourage them to read fiction and non-fiction.
- Try to listen to your child read and ask them questions about the text.
- Help them with the different skills of reading especially 'skim' reading where they are looking for key words in the text.
- Speed reading

# How can you help with Maths?

- Encourage your child to practise their times tables
- Encourage your child to complete calculation from the 'Arithmetic Buster' sheet at home in timed conditions.
- Encourage your child to use revision sites to revise skills e.g. bitesize, sumdog, and many more.

# How can you help with SPaG?

- Practise spellings at home every week.
- Spot misplaced punctuation when out and about as well as in their spelling homework.
- Use websites to help with revision e.g. [spag.com](http://spag.com) and [tesspag.com](http://tesspag.com).

# CGP

- In your pack you will find an order form, these have been chosen by Miss Mason to help support your child's revision.

# Useful websites

- [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)
- [www.tesspag.com](http://www.tesspag.com)
- [www.spag.com](http://www.spag.com)
- [http://www.satstestsonline.co.uk/sto\\_past\\_papers.aspx](http://www.satstestsonline.co.uk/sto_past_papers.aspx)
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/education> (new bitesize website)



The Year 6 KS2 SATs  
will be administered  
on the  
week commencing  
8 May 2017.