

Dear Parents and Carers,

In year 2, the children will be undertaking some important testing to conclude their attainment and measure their progress from this key stage.

Could we please ask that you take some time to read this information letter on how to support your child through this busy period. The children are working very hard in school and would definitely enjoy and benefit from further support at home. The testing will take place in May; week commencing 21st May 2018.

In Numeracy/Maths, the children will have 2 test papers. One is a mental arithmetic paper, where the 4 number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) will be tested. The second paper is a reasoning paper, where children will be tested in all topics from the Maths national curriculum. PLEASE NOTE: children cannot use 100 charts or number lines in these tests).

There will also be 2 Reading papers. Both test papers will have a heavy emphasis on comprehension, with some requirement of the children being able to work out answers that cannot be found on the page ('reading between the lines').

The third and final subject the children will be tested on is SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar).

Practice SATS papers are available **free** online, with mark schemes and test guidance.

Please read on to see which topics you can help your children with at home, to push them to their full potential.

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Year 2 Team.

Montem Academy 



Key Stage 1 SATS testing.



Mathematics

These are the topics you should help your child with at home:

- Addition, subtraction, multiplication (2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables) and division (including $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of numbers). As well as number problems, you should also help your child with word problems for these four operations.
- Basic tables and graphs (bar graphs and pictograms) and tally charts.
- Identifying 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.
- Missing number sequences and number problems.

Reading

The Reading tests will not test your child pronunciation of reading speed; instead it will be a test of understanding and answering questions by finding evidence in the text.

The two tests for reading:

The 'age related' test will have both text and questions in a single booklet.

The 'exceeding age related' test will consist of two booklets; one booklet will be the text and the second will have the questions for the text. The questions will also be more about 'reading between the lines' as opposed to finding evidence.

S.P.A.G.

Topics to practice at home with your child:

- Spelling the words from the year 2 word list. A list can be found free online.
- When to use capital letters (names of people, places, days, months and at the beginning of sentences) and punctuation. (, ! ? " ").
- Nouns, verbs, connectives and adverbs.
- Past, present and future tenses.
- Checking if sentences make sense.