Standards & Testing Agency

Information for parents:

2017 national curriculum assessment results at the end of key stage 1

Do you have a child in year 2 at primary school?

If so, they will have taken the national curriculum tests, also known as SATs, in May. Your child's teacher will use what they have seen in the classroom, as well as the results of these tests, to help judge how well your child is progressing overall in maths, reading, writing and science.

The combined results will also help teachers identify if your child needs further support, and to put this in place as early as possible.

What information do schools use to create their reports?

Your child's teacher will consider the work your child has completed during years 1 and 2, as well as their performance in the key stage 1 tests. They will then make their own judgement about how your child is progressing.

Key stage 1 tests

Teachers mark the key stage 1 test papers. Some schools may choose to report the results to parents, alongside the overall teacher assessment judgements. If so, schools will report them using a scaled score.

- A scaled score of 100 means a child is working at the expected standard for the end of the key stage.
- A scaled score below 100 indicates that a child may need more support to work at the expected standard.
- A scaled score above 100 suggests a child is working above the expected standard for the key stage.

If the scaled scores indicate that your child isn't working at the expected standard, you shouldn't worry. It's important to remember that these test results aren't the whole picture. Teachers use the test results as one piece of evidence to help them arrive at their overall teacher assessment judgements and help them identify what additional support your child may need.

Teacher assessment judgements

When making their teacher assessment judgements, based on how your child has performed over the last two years, teachers assess their work against the standards outlined in the interim teacher assessment frameworks[1].

They will report these decisions in terms of pupils:

- working towards the expected standard
- working at the expected standard
- working at greater depth within the expected standard

1. www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-interim-frameworks-for-teacher-assessment-at-the-end-of-key-stage-1

What happens next?

You will receive the results by the end of the summer term. Schools don't publish test results and they aren't sent to the government. If your child's school doesn't report the scaled score results alongside the teacher assessments and you'd like to see them, you can request to see them.

As your child moves into year 3, the information provided at the end of key stage 1 can be used by you and your child's school to ensure that they receive the support they need to reach their full potential.

Further information

Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions about the tests and teacher assessment judgements.

For more details you can also visit www.gov.uk/STA.

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