KS1 Assessments and Tests - Guidelines

As your child reaches the end of Year 2, we will be reporting to you on their achievements in the National Curriculum assessments. The results from tests and teacher assessment judgements are made against the same framework for all children in the country. You should always consider the statutory results in combination with the school's other feedback. This guide is intended to help explain the results of the national statutory assessments.

Most Year 2 children will have taken the Key Stage 1 tests during May of this year. These tests are marked by their teacher, and the results are used to help teachers in making their final judgements. Information regarding test results will be shared as part of your child's report this year.

Although each test has a different number of questions and marks available, all of the test results have been converted to a common scale which will be reported to you. The scaled score gives an indication of how children have achieved against the nationally expected standard. A score of 100 represents the expected standard. Higher scores (up to 115) indicate higher achievement, while scores between 85 and 99 indicate that children have not yet met the expected standard for their age.

However, the tests alone do not tell the full picture of children's attainment. They are used – alongside other work that the children have done over the year – to help teachers make their own assessments about your child's learning.

Parents of all children in Year 2 will be provided with teacher assessment judgements to give an indication of their attainment. These judgements are made according to the government's lists of expectations. For example, to reach the expected standard in Maths, children must know their 2×, 5× and 10× multiplication tables. Your child's class teacher will have assessed their work against these lists, and used that to judge their overall standard of work. The outcomes for these are slightly different for each subject.

The diagram below represents the sliding scale of the scaled score for KS1 tests.

