



Preparing for National Curriculum Tests

**What we do at school and
how you can help at home**

Preparing for National Curriculum Tests in school



- **Practise papers in school under test conditions**
- **Exam technique- managing time, reading questions carefully, tips for maximising marks/time**
- **Practise working independently**

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- **Practising timed arithmetic questions: learning written methods**
- **Tackling tricky maths problems**
- **Identifying key words for operations in questions (+-x÷)**

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- **PEE**
- **Making up questions to respond to texts**
- **Grammar and spelling rules**

Grammar, punctuation and spelling tests



- **The GPS test have replaced previous writing tests**
- **45 minute test assessing knowledge of the mechanics of writing e.g. word classes, tenses, sentence structure and vocabulary knowledge.**

Grammar, Punctuation and spelling test



- **Focussed weekly skills groups**
- **Homework**
- **Grammar and spelling work within English lessons**
- **Example questions**
- **Practise tests**

Sample Grammar test: How do you think you'd do?



- **To give you an idea of what the children will have to do, we're giving you the once in a lifetime opportunity of having a go yourselves!**
- **No cheating!**

Age related expectations in writing



- **Year 5 and 6 words- spelling most words correctly**
- **Using a range of sentence punctuation e.g. brackets, dashes, colons, semi-colons**
- **Variety of clause structures**
- **Using a range of cohesive devices: adverbials within and across sentences**
- **Maintaining legible and fluent handwriting**

Preparing at home



- **Attendance**
- **Early bedtimes, eating healthily, bringing water bottles to school etc.**
- **Homework (Everyday Essentials)**
- **Regular reading – Y6 Reading List and doing quizzes on AR**
- **Regular arithmetic and times table practise**
- **‘Real life’ contexts: shopping**
- **MyMaths, Spellodrome**