

# Monkseaton Middle School



Information for Parents on Key Stage 2 SATs

17th January 2020



# What does SATs stand for?

Statutory Assessment Tasks and Tests (also includes Teacher Assessment)

Students complete SATs at the end of Key Stage 1 (at age 7) and at the end of Key Stage 2 (at age 11)



# Assessment and Reporting

‘Old’ levels (e.g. Level 3-5) have been abolished, as set out in the government guidelines.

- The marked tests will provide the following information:
  - A raw score (i.e. number of marks)
  - A scaled score (see below)
  - An indication of whether the national standard has been met.



# Scaled Score?

Test results are reported as a 'scaled score'.

It is planned that 100 will always represent the 'expected standard'.

Each pupil's raw score test will be converted into a scale, either above or below 100 and ranging from 80-120.

A child who achieves the 'expected standard' (a score of 100 or above) will be judged to have demonstrated sufficient knowledge in the areas assessed by the test.

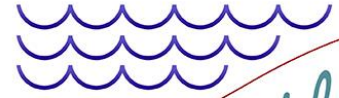


# How are the children assessed?

There are **two** sorts of assessments:

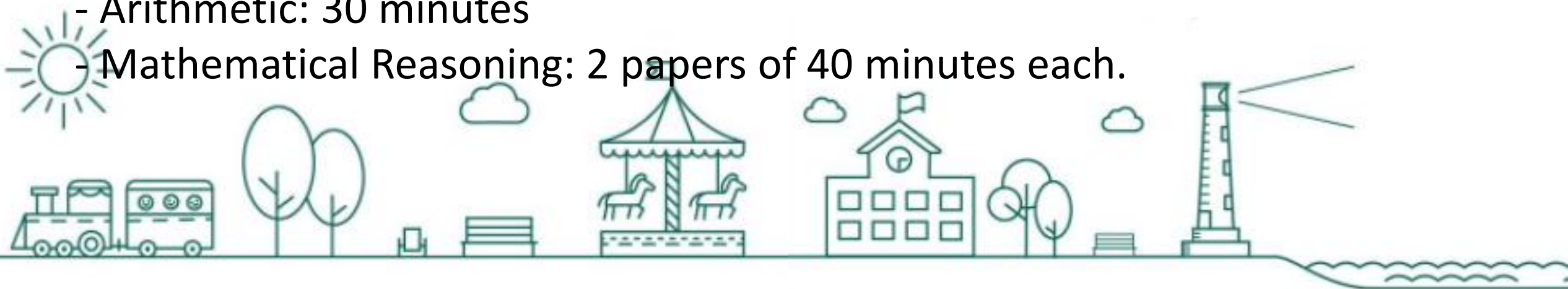
- A) Teacher assessment for writing
- B) Tests undertaken in May 2020

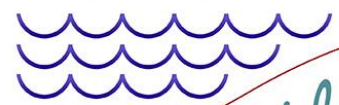




# How are the children assessed?

- The tests all take place in normal school time, under test conditions.
- Pupils will not be allowed to talk to each other during the tests.
- The completed papers are sent away to be marked externally.
- The tests vary in length but last no longer than 60 minutes:
  - Reading: 60 minutes
  - Grammar, Punctuation & Vocabulary: 45 minutes
  - Spelling: 15 minutes
  - Arithmetic: 30 minutes
  - Mathematical Reasoning: 2 papers of 40 minutes each.





# How is SATs week organised?

- A timetable is issued to school, telling us on which days tests must be administered.
- All children must sit the tests at the same time.
- Tests are completed in classrooms, with any displays that may help covered over.
- Children are divided into groups for test groups to ensure they are properly supported and feel secure.



# When do KS2 tests happen?



This year the test dates will be from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

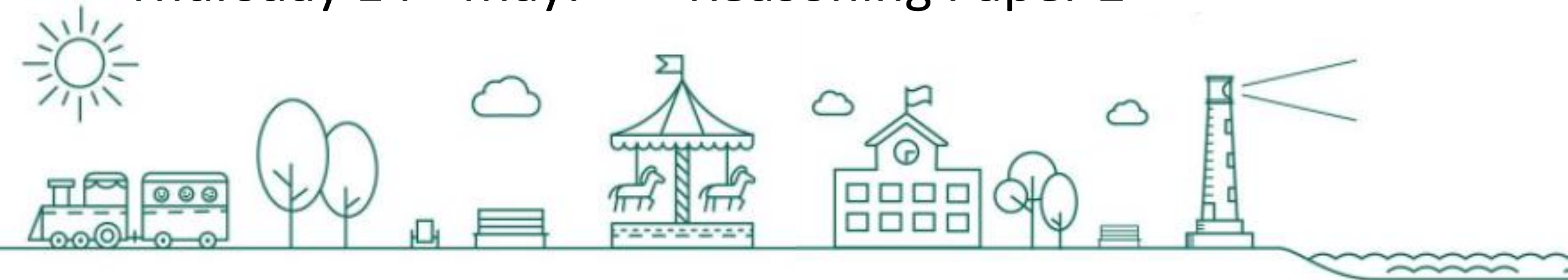
Please avoid taking your child out of school during this time and in the weeks leading up to the tests.





# When do KS2 tests happen?

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May: GPS
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: English Reading
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May: Arithmetic  
Reasoning Paper 1
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Reasoning Paper 2



# Maths paper

- There are three tests: one arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers.
- Paper 1 (arithmetic) lasts 30 minutes and assesses pupils' confidence using methods of calculation as well as fractions, decimals and percentages. It covers curriculum content from all of KS2.
- Papers 2 & 3 (reasoning) last 40 minutes each and focus on problem solving, fluency and applying mathematical reasoning.



# Maths paper

- Questions cover the following areas (called 'content domains'):
  - Number and place value
  - Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division (calculations)
  - Geometry – properties of shapes
  - Geometry – position and direction
  - Statistics
  - Measurement
  - Algebra
  - Ratio and proportion
  - Fractions, decimals and percentages.

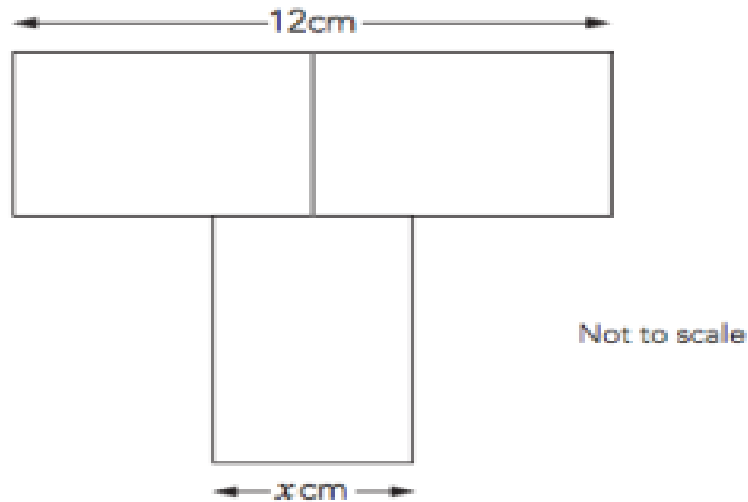


# Maths question

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Here is a T-shape made from 3 identical rectangles.

The area of the T-shape is  $90\text{cm}^2$



Work out the value of  $x$ .



# Reading Paper

- There will be numerous questions on inference, vocabulary and authorial choice.
- The reading paper requires pupils to read a booklet that contains three extracts. They must then answer questions that test them on their comprehension of the three texts. There are 40 questions that together are worth 50 marks, comprising a mixture of multiple choice, short-answer and long-answer questions. The test lasts for 60 minutes, including 15 minutes of reading time.
- There are a range of answer types, including multiple choice, short one-word answers and longer answers that require a written paragraph.



# Reading Paper

- Questions are focused around the following areas:
  - give/explain the meaning of words in context
  - retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction
  - summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph
  - make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text
  - predict what might happen from details stated and implied
  - identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole
  - identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases
  - make comparisons within the text



## The Long Drive

Many years ago, ranch owners needed to send their cattle hundreds of miles to 'cow towns' where they would be sold. Every year it was the cowboys' job to round up all the cattle and take them in large herds to the cow town. This was known as 'the long drive'. The drive was a challenge for all cowboys. Their day began at 4.00am and ended after dark. Even then some had to stand on guard during the night. The average herd was made up of about 3000 cattle and the cowboys were responsible for keeping them safe all the way. The cowboys worked as a team but each had his own job to do.

This text tells us some of the difficulties cowboys face in their work. Using what you have read, explain what you think cowboys might **like** about their job.

2 marks



# GPS Paper

- There are two tests: a short spelling test and a longer paper testing grammar, punctuation and vocabulary.
- The grammar and punctuation paper is a mixture of multiple choice and short-answer questions. Pupils will also be asked to add punctuation to prewritten sentences. There are 50 questions and each question is worth one mark. The test lasts for 45 minutes.
- The spelling paper requires the student to listen to their teacher as a transcript is read and spell out the missing words on their answer booklet. There are 20 words that they need to spell and each word is worth one mark each. The last lasts for 15 minutes and is worth 20 marks overall.
- There are a range of answer types in the grammar test, including multiple choice and short .





# GPS question

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Tick one box in each row to show whether the underlined word is an adjective or an adverb.

Sentence	Adjective	Adverb
It is a <u>direct</u> flight to Spain.		
I hate arriving <u>late</u> .		
The door opened <u>wide</u> .		
That is the <u>wrong</u> spelling.		

1 mark



# Other assessments

- Writing assessments will be formed from judgements made by the teacher, looking at evidence from writing collected over the course of the year.
- Science tests will be taken by selected schools in 2020. Schools are notified closer to the time.



# Reporting

Test results are available in July 2020, each pupil will receive for each test:

- Confirmation of whether or not they attained the expected standard.
- A scaled score.



# What does teacher assessment involve and is it different from testing?

Teacher assessment of writing looks at a portfolio of work for each pupil.

Criteria includes standard of handwriting, paragraphing, punctuation and vocabulary. Work is moderated within the department and with other schools where possible.



# What help can children have?

In the reading test, children must read the text and questions by themselves, but some may have help recording their answers.

In maths, teachers can read a specific questions to any child who asks.

In the SPAG test, children can ask for a specific questions read to them but nothing can be explained.



# Parent Workshops

Maths: 05.02.20.

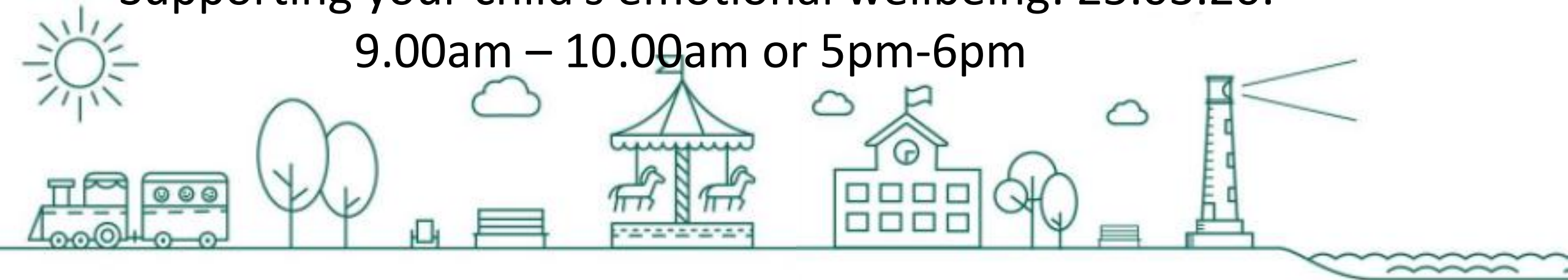
9.00am – 10.00am or 5pm-6pm

English: 26.02.20.

9.00am – 10.00am or 5pm-6pm

Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing: 25.03.20.

9.00am – 10.00am or 5pm-6pm



# Any questions?

