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The reading, maths (reasoning and arithmetic), and GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) tests are timetabled from Monday 14 May to Thursday 17 May 2018. An exact timetable will be shared nearer to the time. During this week, we really want all of the children to do their absolute best and show off their amazing learning. At Scartho Junior Academy we know that these tests only show a small part of how amazing your child is!

For these tests, your child will be marked in three ways. Firstly, they will receive a raw score corresponding to the number of marks they achieved. Secondly, this score will be weighted to produce a "scaled score", for which the "expected result" benchmark will be 100. Thirdly, you'll receive a confirmation of whether or not your child achieved the expected standard.

How can we help?

- Talk to your child about SATs and tell them not worry about them. We have already started doing this at school, but it will be much more meaningful coming from you too.
- Keep at the daily reading - by them on their own and by you to them. Talk together about the books, the characters, the storylines and encourage her to express their own opinions about them. Encourage them to go on Bug Club which will help with the comprehension practice.
- Play mental maths games - on the way home, in the car and so on. You can also encourage them to go on Mathletics to keep their practice regular.
- Try hard not to be swept along by other parents and the media who say working every night and at weekends is essential. It's not. True, some children just like doing this but there's nothing worse than forcing revision on a child who'd absolutely rather not.
- Keep everything ticking over normally. Dilute any feelings that SATs are stress-y and fearsomely important by sticking to normal routines and keeping up their regular out-of-school activities.
- Keep it in proportion. They're just primary-school tests. Even if they 'mess up', it will not blight their life for ever!
- Stay positive. You never know, your child might actually enjoy them!
- If your child has been revising but they're struggling to remember certain things, write little notes with information on and stick them around the house in places they'll see regularly...Need to remember a tricky spelling? Stick it on the bathroom mirror! Prime numbers? Put one on each step!