



Thirsk Community Primary School

How we are assessing our pupils

**Important Information for Parents
and Carers**

February 2016

Reporting how well your child is doing:

Your child's annual school report will inform you of your child's achievement in Reading, Writing and Maths against Age Related Expectations. For pupils in Reception, reports will also contain information about whether pupils have achieved a Good Level of Development and for pupil in Year 1 the end of year report will contain information about the Year 1 phonics test.

Context:

Since 1988 schools have been measuring pupils' attainment during Keystage One and Two using National Curriculum levels. Levels for pupils ranged from level 1c to level 6a. Pupils would progress through the different levels, at the end of Keystage 1 most pupils would achieve level 2 and by the end of Keystage 2 the majority of pupils would achieve a level 4 with some pupils achieving level 5.

Following Government changes this system has ceased and from September 2015 all pupils in Keystage 1 and Keystage 2 (Years 1-6) are being assessed against **End of Year Age Related Expectations**. These are a set of objectives for Reading, Writing and Maths that children need to meet by the end of each year.

Assessment at Thirsk Community Primary School

Pupils in Nursery and Reception.

Early in the autumn term, pupils in Reception are assessed to form an on entry baseline, this measures where children are at the beginning of their time at our school. This is done through observations of the children taking part in different learning activities. A similar process takes place for pupils during their time in Nursery. Towards the end of Reception pupils are assessed against the Early Learning Goals, this measure whether pupils have achieved a **Good Level of Development (GLD)** this is reported to parents and carers during the summer term.

Pupils in Years 1-6

Phonics testing: For children in Year 1 there are phonics tests. These are a national requirement to measure children's understanding of the different sounds that make up our language. These take place during the summer term of Year One, this information is reported to parents as part of our annual school report. Pupil who are not working at the standard of the test retake the test again at the end of Year 2.

Age Related Expectations (ARE): All pupils in Years 1-6 attainment will now be measured against Age Related Expectations. This will be done through marking pupils work; observations of the children carrying out different activities and testing. **The expectation is, that by the end of the year, the vast majority of pupils will be at Age Related Expectations and some will be at Mastery.** There may even be pupils who are judged to be Exceptional in some subjects.

Code	B	W1	W2	W3	A	M	E
What is stands for	Below A.R.E.	Working towards 1	Working towards 2	Working towards 3	At Age related Expectations	Mastery	Exceptional
	0-25% of objectives met	25-50% of objectives met	50-75% of objectives met	75 -100% of objectives met	100% of objectives met	Meeting mastery objective	Exceeding mastery objectives

At the beginning of the school year most pupils will start at Below. This is because they will not have met the Age Related Expectations for the school year that they are about to begin, over the school year pupils will meet the different objectives and as they achieve them this will be recorded by their class teacher. As pupils demonstrate that they are

secure in the different areas of learning pupils will progress through W1, W2, W3 before arriving at Age Related Expectations. This will be done for Reading, Writing and Maths.

Testing in Year 2 and Year 6

New tests for Reading, Writing, SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Maths have been developed for pupils in Year 2 and in Year 6. For pupils in Year 2 tests are less formal and are completed during the summer term. For pupils in Year 6 SATs week is slightly more formal and are carried out on a national set timetable. This year it is the week beginning the 9th May 2016. Pupils will get a standardised score where the National Expectation is 100. Here is a link to a You tube video that will help to explain this is more detail:

Year Two:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M8MjPFWRQs0>

Year Six:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nF1n1g4CePI>

There will be a meeting for parents in Year 2 and Year 6 later in the Spring term.

For pupils who are in Year 3, 4 and 5 there will be some less formal testing that takes place during the summer term.

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