



All Saints' (CE) C Primary School

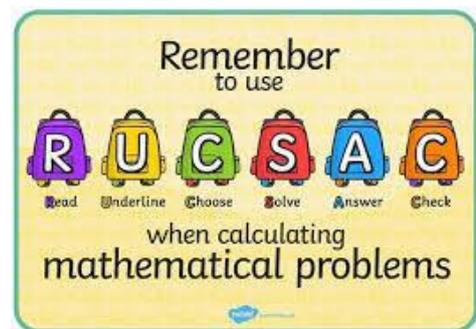
The following advice is based on my own personal experience and is a guide to help alleviate any uncertainties you/ your child may have. It is a summary of the 'learning behaviours' we have been teaching the children to best prepare them.

General Rules:

1. Read each question twice.
2. Highlight key information.
3. Do not be 'put off' by names or unfamiliar words/ terms.
4. Follow the instructions carefully (if the question asks you to circle the answer then circle your answer)
5. Have you answered every question? Have you written your answer in the space/ answer box provided? Check for missed questions on even pages.

Maths:

- Follow the 'RUCSAC' method when tackling problem solving and reasoning questions.
- Spend no longer than 1 minute on each mark.
- 2 mark questions will definitely require you to show your written working method.
- You will not necessarily be told which method to use so select the most 'efficient' method or one that you are most comfortable using.
- Make sure you transfer your answer from your working out to the answer box.
- Remember to add your units of measure (cm, £, etc.) and decimal points when necessary.



Reading:

There will be 3 different types of genre to read in your test.

- Read and respond to each text, one at a time. (Do not read all the texts together and then attempt to answer all the questions.)
- Skim read the questions first, so you have a rough idea of what information you are required to supply to answer the question effectively.
- Highlight the key vocabulary in the question wording and look for these words in the text to guide you. Read 'around' those key words to find the answer.
- The texts increase in difficulty, so it is advisable that you do text 1 first and text 3 last.

Spelling:

Spelling can be tricky. When learning words try to remember these 'tools' to help you:

1. Break the word down into smaller parts.

E.g. fan-tas-tic ban-an-a

2. Spell exactly as you would say them.

E.g. gnome island

3. Make up a sentence to help you remember tricky words.

Beauty (Big Elephants Are Used To Yawning)

4. Look for smaller words within a word.

E.g. create separate

5. Think about similar words that are spelt from the same root word.

E.g. cover, discovery, uncovered.

6. Write the word in different ways. This makes it easier to select the correct spelling.

E.g. interesting intresting intaresting

Remember the 'Redfern Rule' - if your spelling doesn't look right, then it probably isn't spelt right. Trust your judgement.