



Exmouth Area
Learning Community

Parents guide to the new assessment system

As we started a new National Curriculum in September 2014 we need to have a new assessment system that supports it because the expectations for children in different year groups have changed. The old system of levels (2b, 3a etc) no longer fits the curriculum.

However, for this coming year, year 2 and year 6 will be working on the old levels as they will be following the old National Curriculum due to the SATs test which won't be linked to the new curriculum until 2016.

Schools are now able to choose and create their own assessment systems. We, in EALC (Exmouth Area Learning Community), are working together to develop our own system in line with the new National Curriculum.

Our new system will give you information about your child's attainment **linked to the end of year expectations** for each year group.

Each year group is split into 3 bands:

Emerging: this means your child has started working on this year group's objectives.

Developing: your child understands most of that years group's objectives.

Secure: your child understands all the expected objectives for that year group.

If your child is working at a level outside their actual year group, this will be reflected in the attainment band they will be given.

If your child is achieving well within their year group and understands all the expected objectives we will be encouraging more in-depth and investigative work.

This will allow a greater mastery before moving them on to the next year group's objectives.

Teachers will continue to assess your child regularly, linked to the new end of year objectives, by building up a picture of their strengths and areas of development.

More information will be available from your child's class teacher over the course of the year and on SPTO (School Pupil Tracker Online) if you use this. The codes you can expect to see are, for example, Y4S which means a child understands and can apply all of the end of year objectives for year 4 regardless of their age.

Useful links:

<http://www.risingstars-uk.com/curriculumparentguide/>

<http://www.parentdish.co.uk/kids/the-new-national-curriculum-explained-for-parents/>

<http://www.theschoolrun.com/primary-national-curriculum-2014>