

Solihull Preparatory School Entrance Assessment & Examination Syllabus

Nursery

During the assessment the candidate will have the opportunity to participate in various activities for example, simple numeracy work, shape and pattern activities, phonics, writing/drawing. The assessment is approximately 30 minutes in duration.

Reception

During the assessment the candidate will have the opportunity to participate in simple number work, shape and pattern activities, phonics, writing/drawing. The assessment is approximately 45 minutes in duration.

Infant 1

The assessment consists of number recognition, counting, simple number work, reading simple sentences/high frequency words, writing simple sentences/keywords. The assessment is approximately 45 minutes in duration.

Infant 2

The assessment consists of Writing, Mathematics and Reading. The assessment is approximately one hour in duration.

The exam papers for Junior School test skills based on, but also go beyond, the National Curriculum benchmarks for the relevant age groups. Listed below are details of the minimum content assessed.

ENGLISH

There will be one paper lasting up to one hour.

7+ and 8+.

Comprehension of a fiction text with mainly literal and deductive questions, with some inferential questions. Pupils may provide shorter written answers, in full sentences, to 1 mark questions. Children are expected to explain their answers in more detail when answering questions worth more than one mark, by using evidence from the text.

Creative writing – a short story using a given title.

9+ and 10+

Comprehension of a longer fiction passage. Short written answers are expected for some simpler literal questions, alongside detailed written responses to more searching deductive, inferential and evaluative questions; which carry more marks.

Creative writing – a story using a given title. Marks are awarded for composition, punctuation and organisation.

MATHS

There will be one written paper lasting up to one hour.

7+

Number sequences, place value, odd/even, words and figures
Vertical and column addition and subtraction, with carrying/decomposition
Simple word and number problems, including money
2D shapes, bar charts, tallying
Drawing fractions – half, quarter
Basic multiplication

8+

Number sequences, place value, words and figures
Number operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
Rounding to nearest 10, 100 and 100
2D and 3D shape
Time – analogue and duration
Length and weight
Fractions of shapes and amounts
Word and number problems, including money
Reflective symmetry
Bar charts, scales

9+

Numbers, place value, sequencing and patterns Number operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, both vertically and in columns

Use of < and >

Fractions of amounts, shapes, equivalence

Angles

Area and Perimeter

2D and 3D shapes

Time – analogue, digital, 24 hour clocks and timetables

Coordinates

Word and number problems, investigations and puzzles

Bar charts and line graphs

10+

Numbers, place value, sequencing and patterns

Number operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, both vertically and in columns

Use of < and >

Fractions of amounts, shapes, equivalence

Measurement - mm, cm, m and km, g and kg, ml and l

2D and 3D shapes

Coordinates in 4 quadrants

Time – analogue, digital, 24 hour clocks and timetables

Reflective symmetry

Area and perimeter

Data handling

Percentages, decimals and fractions

Word problems, investigations and puzzles