



### What if my child has additional support needs?

CAB Assessments are designed to allow as many children as possible to use them. If your child cannot use them the school will use a range of different assessments that will provide information about your child's developmental needs

### What are the benefits of using CAB Tests?

They are quick and easy to use

Children enjoy them

They provide valuable information for teachers

They give the teacher a comprehensive profile of each child's ability

They are adapted to each child's ability

They track children's progress

They are used in conjunction with teacher's evaluations and other assessments to provide you with good quality information about how your child is doing

### Information for Parents

#### CAB Assessments

It is important that you know how your child is getting on at school. Your child's teacher will use a range of ways to assess your child and to tell you how they are progressing. As part of this we will be using **CAB** Assessments in all primary schools in Dumfries and Galloway.

#### CAB Assessments are

- **C**omputerised
- **A**daptive
- **B**enchmarked

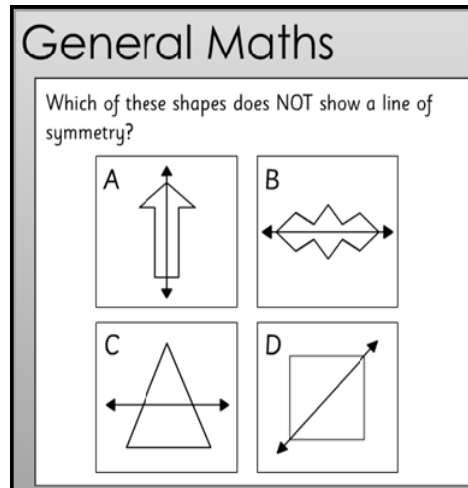
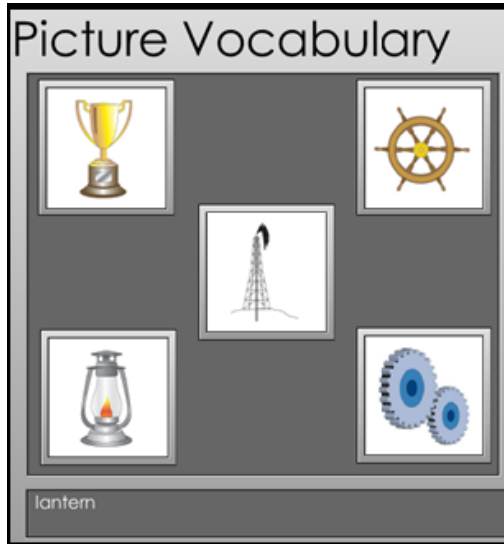
#### What does CAB assessment involve?

As the name suggests, children complete these exercises at the computer. Children wear headphones so that they can listen carefully to instructions and follow the on-screen prompts.

The exercises last no longer than 30 minutes each and are carried out during normal class time to fit in around your child's day-to-day learning.

These exercises take a different approach to assessment as they are *adaptive* – they treat every child as an individual by choosing the difficulty of each question

depending on how well they have answered previous questions. They are not formal tests and are not designed to compare pupils with each other.



Assessments are carried out throughout the year for different year groups.

- P1 in September
- P3 in October/November
- P5 in October/November
- P7 in February

#### What does the CAB assessment tell us?

CAB Assessments provide information about your child's strengths and what they need to do next. This adds to the other information gathered by your child's teacher in different ways throughout the year to build a picture of how well your child is doing.

The exercises focus on Reading and General Maths as good progress in these areas is key to helping your child make progress generally.

- **Reading** looks at your child's ability to recognise words, to break them into sounds and to choose the appropriate words to complete a passage.
- **General Maths** will present questions from several topics such as number work, shape, measuring and reading graphs and charts.

#### Where can I get more information?

More information about CAB Assessments are available from school or from [www.dumgal.gov.uk](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk)