

The New National Curriculum 2014 - Present



Subject	What's new?
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stronger emphasis on vocabulary development, grammar, punctuation and spelling (for example, the use of commas and apostrophes will be taught in KS1) ▪ Handwriting – not currently assessed under the national curriculum – is expected to be fluent, legible and speedy ▪ Spoken English has a greater emphasis, with children to be taught debating and presenting skills
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Five-year-olds will be expected to learn to count up to 100 (compared to 20 under the current curriculum) and learn number bonds to 20 (currently up to 10) ▪ Simple fractions (1/4 and 1/2) will be taught from KS1, and by the end of primary school, children should be able to convert decimal fractions to simple fractions (e.g. 0.375 = 3/8) ▪ By the age of nine, children will be expected to know times tables up to 12x12 (currently 10x10 by the end of primary school) ▪ Calculators will not be introduced until near the end of KS2, to encourage mental arithmetic
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strong focus on scientific knowledge and language, rather than understanding the nature and methods of science in abstract terms ▪ Evolution will be taught in primary schools for the first time ▪ Non-core subjects like caring for animals will be replaced by topics like the
Design and Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Afforded greater importance under the new curriculum, setting children on the path to becoming the designers and engineers of the future ▪ More sophisticated use of design equipment such as electronics and robotics ▪ In KS2, children will learn about how key events and individuals in design and technology have shaped the world
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Computing replaces Information and Communication Technology (ICT), with a greater focus on programming rather than on operating programs ▪ From age five, children will learn to write and test simple programs, and to organise, store and retrieve data ▪ From seven, they will be taught to understand computer networks, including the internet ▪ Internet safety – currently only taught from 11-16 – will be taught in primary schools
Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently not statutory, a modern foreign language or ancient language (Latin or Greek) will be mandatory in KS2

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- Children will be expected to master basic grammar and accurate pronunciation and to converse, present, read and write in the language