

# National Curriculum in Year 2



Compulsory national curriculum subjects at primary schools are: English, Maths, Science, DT, History, Geography, Art and design, music, PE, Computing, Modern languages (KS2 only)

Primary schools must also provide: relationships and health education (delivered through our Jigsaw scheme) and religious education – parents can ask for their children to be taken out of the whole lesson or a part of it for these subjects

## English

### Reading - word reading

Pupils should be taught to:

- continue to apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent
- read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes
- read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above
- read words containing common suffixes
- read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word
- read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and blending, when they have been frequently encountered
- read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation
- reread these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading

### Reading - comprehension

Pupils should be taught to:

**develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by:**

- listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently
- discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related

- becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales
- being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways
- recognising simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry
- discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary
- discussing their favourite words and phrases
- continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear

**understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by:**

- drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher
- checking that the text makes sense to them as they read, and correcting inaccurate reading
- making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done
- answering and asking questions
- predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far
- participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them and those that they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say
- explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that they listen to and those that they read for themselves

**Writing - transcription**

**Spelling - see English appendix 1:**

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/239784/English Appendix 1 - Spelling.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf)

Pupils should be taught to:

- spell by:
- segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly
- learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which 1 or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones
- learning to spell common exception words
- learning to spell more words with contracted forms
- learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book]
- distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones
- add suffixes to spell longer words including -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, -ly
- apply spelling rules and guidance, as listed in English appendix 1

- write from memory simple sentences dictated by the teacher that include words using the GPCs, common exception words and punctuation taught so far

### **Handwriting**

Pupils should be taught to:

- form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another
- start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined
- write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower-case letters
- use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters

### **Writing - composition**

Pupils should be taught to:

**develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by:**

- writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)
- writing about real events
- writing poetry
- writing for different purposes

**consider what they are going to write before beginning by:**

- planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about
- writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary
- encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence

**make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by:**

- evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils
- rereading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form
- proofreading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation (for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly)

**read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear**

### **Writing - vocabulary, grammar and punctuation**

Pupils should be taught to:

**develop their understanding of the concepts set out in English appendix 2 by:**

- learning how to use both familiar and new punctuation correctly - see English appendix 2, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks, commas for lists and apostrophes for contracted forms and the possessive (singular)

**learn how to use:**

- sentences with different forms: statement, question, exclamation, command
- expanded noun phrases to describe and specify [for example, the blue butterfly]
- the present and past tenses correctly and consistently, including the progressive form
- subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordination (using or, and, or but)
- the grammar for year 2 in English appendix 2:  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/335190/English Appendix 2 - Vocabulary grammar and punctuation.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335190/English_Appendix_2_-_Vocabulary_grammar_and_punctuation.pdf)
- some features of written Standard English
- use and understand the grammatical terminology in English appendix 2 in discussing their writing

## Maths

### Number – number and place value

Pupils should be taught to:

- count in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in 10s from any number, forward and backward
- recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (10s, 1s)
- identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line
- compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use <, > and = signs
- read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words
- use place value and number facts to solve problems

### Number – addition and subtraction

Pupils should be taught to:

- solve problems with addition and subtraction:
- using concrete objects and pictorial representations, including those involving numbers, quantities and measures
- applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods
- recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100
- add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including:
  - a two-digit number and 1s
  - a two-digit number and 10s

- 2 two-digit numbers
- adding 3 one-digit numbers
- show that addition of 2 numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and subtraction of 1 number from another cannot
- recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems

### **Number – multiplication and division**

Pupils should be taught to:

- recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication ( $\times$ ), division ( $\div$ ) and equals (=) signs
- show that multiplication of 2 numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of 1 number by another cannot
- solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts

### **Number – fractions**

Pupils should be taught to:

- recognise, find, name and write fractions  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity
- write simple fractions, for example  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$

### **Measurement**

Pupils should be taught to:

- choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ); capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels
- compare and order lengths, mass, volume/capacity and record the results using  $>$ ,  $<$  and  $=$
- recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p); combine amounts to make a particular value
- find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money
- solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change
- compare and sequence intervals of time
- tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times
- know the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day

### **Geometry – properties of shapes**

Pupils should be taught to:

- identify and describe the properties of 2-D shapes, including the number of sides, and line symmetry in a vertical line

- identify and describe the properties of 3-D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces
- identify 2-D shapes on the surface of 3-D shapes, [for example, a circle on a cylinder and a triangle on a pyramid]
- compare and sort common 2-D and 3-D shapes and everyday objects

### **Geometry – position and direction**

Pupils should be taught to:

- order and arrange combinations of mathematical objects in patterns and sequences
- use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement, including movement in a straight line and distinguishing between rotation as a turn and in terms of right angles for quarter, half and three-quarter turns (clockwise and anti-clockwise)

### **Statistics**

Pupils should be taught to:

- interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and tables
- ask and answer simple questions by counting the number of objects in each category and sorting the categories by quantity
- ask-and-answer questions about totalling and comparing categorical data

## **Science**

### **Working scientifically**

During years 1 and 2, pupils should be taught to use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:

- asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- observing closely, using simple equipment
- performing simple tests
- identifying and classifying
- using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
- gathering and recording data to help in answering questions

### **Living things and their habitats**

Pupils should be taught to:

- explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive
- identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other

- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats
- describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food

### **Plants**

Pupils should be taught to:

- observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants
- find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy

### **Animals, including humans**

Pupils should be taught to:

- notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults
- find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)
- describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene

### **Everyday materials**

Pupils should be taught to:

- identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses
- find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching

## **History**

### **Taught across Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)**

Pupils should be taught about:

- **Changes within living memory. Where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life**
- Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally (for example, the Great Fire of London, the first aeroplane flight or events commemorated through festivals or anniversaries)
- **the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods [for example, Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria, Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong, William Caxton and Tim Berners-Lee, Pieter Bruegel the Elder and LS Lowry, Rosa Parks and Emily Davison, Mary Seacole and/or Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell]**
- **significant historical events, people and places in their own locality**

## **Geography**

### **Taught across Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)**

Pupils should be taught to:

### **Locational knowledge**

- name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans
- name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas

### **Place knowledge**

- understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country

### **Human and physical geography**

- identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles
- use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to:
  - key physical features, including: beach, cliff, coast, forest, hill, mountain, sea, ocean, river, soil, valley, vegetation, season and weather
  - key human features, including: city, town, village, factory, farm, house, office, port, harbour and shop

### **Geographical skills and fieldwork**

- use world maps, atlases and globes to identify the United Kingdom and its countries, as well as the countries, continents and oceans studied at this key stage
- use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map Geography – key stages 1 and 2 3
- use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; devise a simple map; and use and construct basic symbols in a key
- use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their school and its grounds and the key human and physical features of its surrounding environment.

## **Computing**

### **Taught across Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)**

Pupils should be taught to:

- understand what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs on digital devices; and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions
- create and debug simple programs
- use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs
- use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content



- recognise common uses of information technology beyond school
- use technology safely and respectfully, keeping personal information private; identify where to go for help and support when they have concerns about content or contact on the internet or other online technologies.

## Art

### Taught across Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)

Pupils should be taught:

- to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products
- to use drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination
- to develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space
- about the work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work

## DT

### Taught across Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)

When designing and making, pupils should be taught to:

#### Design

- design purposeful, functional, appealing products for themselves and other users based on design criteria
- generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas through talking, drawing, templates, mock-ups and, where appropriate, information and communication technology

#### Make

- select from and use a range of tools and equipment to perform practical tasks [for example, cutting, shaping, joining and finishing]
- select from and use a wide range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their characteristics

#### Evaluate

- explore and evaluate a range of existing products
- evaluate their ideas and products against design criteria
- build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable
- explore and use mechanisms [for example, levers, sliders, wheels and axles], in their products

#### Cooking and nutrition

- use the basic principles of a healthy and varied diet to prepare dishes

- understand where food comes from

## Music

### Taught across Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)

Pupils should be taught to:

- Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes
- Play tuned and untuned instruments musically
- Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music
- Experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions of music

## PSHE

The Heights Primary use the Jigsaw scheme

Year 2:

### Being Me in My World

- Identify some of my hopes and fears for this year
- Understand the rights and responsibilities for being a member of my class and school
- Understand the rights and responsibilities for being a member of my class
- Listen to other people and contribute my own ideas about rewards and consequences
- Understand how following the learning charter will help me and others learn
- Recognise the choices I make and understand the consequences

### Celebrating Differences

- Starting to understand that sometimes people make assumptions about boys and girls (stereotypes)
- Understand that bullying is sometimes about differences
- Recognise what is right and wrong and know how to look after myself
- Understand that it is OK to be different from other people and to be friends with them
- Tell you some of the ways I am different to my friends

### Changing me

- Recognise the cycles of life in nature
- Tell you about the natural process of growing from young to old and understand that this is not in my control
- Recognise how my body has changed since I was a baby and where I am on the continuum from young to old

- Recognise the physical differences between boys and girls, use the correct names for parts of the body (penis, anus, testicles, vagina, vulva) and appreciate that some parts of my body are private
- Understand that there are different types of touch and can tell you which ones I like and don't like
- Identify what I am looking forward to when I move to my next class

#### **Dreams and Goals**

- Choose a realistic goal and think about how to achieve it
- Carry on trying (persevering) even when I find things difficult
- Recognise who I work well with and who is more difficult for me to work with
- Work well in a group
- Tell you some ways I worked well in a group
- Know how to share success with other people

#### **Healthy Me**

- Know what I need to keep my body healthy
- Show or tell you what relaxed means and I know some things that make me feel relaxed means and some make me feel stressed
- Understand how medicine work in my body and how important it is to use them safely
- Sort foods into the correct food groups and know which foods my body needs every day to keep me healthy
- Make some healthy snacks and explain why they are good for my body
- Decide which foods to eat to give my body energy

#### **Relationships**

- Identify the different members of my family, understand my relationship with each of them and know why it is important to share and cooperate
- Understand that there are lots of forms of physical contact within a family and that some of this is acceptable and some is not
- Identify the sort of things that cause conflict with my friends
- Understand that sometimes it is good to keep a secret and sometimes it is not good to keep a secret
- Recognise and appreciate people who can help me in my family, my school and my community
- Express my appreciation for the people in my special relationships

## **PE**

### **Taught across Key Stage One (Year 1 and 2)**

Pupils should be taught to:

- Master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities

- Participate in team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending
- Perform dances using simple movement patterns

## **Modern Languages**

**Not taught until KS2**