



The National Curriculum - Blackmore Primary School

AIMS

- Provide an engaging and balanced cross curricular education for all children, which nurtures and embraces all children's interests and potential, within a safe, secure and happy environment.
- Inspire children to become life-long learners and responsible citizens who give of their best and are equipped with the skills to prepare them for their futures.
- Have high expectations of behaviour, attitude, manners, standard of presentation and attendance.
- Ensure that all those involved in the school community demonstrate the Core Values towards one another and that they enjoy learning and working together.

A 'curriculum' is a list of content to be taught and learnt – a course of study for schools, colleges and universities. The [National Curriculum](#) is a course of study decided by the Department for Education. Private schools, academies and free schools are exempt: they do not need to follow the requirements.

Below is a brief introduction to the National Curriculum. [Download the entire National Curriculum](#) for more detail.

The National Curriculum: structure

At Blackmore Primary School, there are three phases in total:

- Early Years: ages 4-5 (Reception); the National Curriculum does not cover this phase
- Key Stage 1: ages 5-7 (Years 1-2)
- Key Stage 2: ages 7-11 (Years 3-6)

For Key Stages 1 and 2, there are three **core** subjects:

- English (spoken language, reading, writing, including grammar and punctuation)
- Mathematics (including number and place value, calculations, fractions, measurements, geometry)
- Science (including 'working scientifically')

In addition, there are **non-core** subjects; for Key Stages 1 and 2, these are:

- Art and Design
- Computing
- Design and Technology (DT)
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical Education (PE)
- Religious Education (RE)
- Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)
- Spanish (for KS2)

At Blackmore Primary School we deliver the content through topic based cross-curricular links with specific focus on skills, knowledge and understanding. Our Topics based curriculum doesn't just link to the National Curriculum, but can stem from pupils' own questions, interests or enthusiasms, and/or stem from local, national or international events and link with our curriculum drivers.



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