

Maths

There are changes in Maths, they are:

- By the age of 9, children will be expected to know times tables up to 12×12 ;
- Fractions, decimals and percentages are more difficult in each year group e.g. simple fractions will be taught in Key Stage 1 (infants) and children should be able to convert decimal fractions to simple fractions by the end of junior school. (E.g. $0.375 = \frac{3}{8}$)
- Calculators will not be introduced until near the end of the junior school.
- Children who are 5 will be expected to learn to count to 100 and learn number bonds to 20.

Other curriculum subjects:

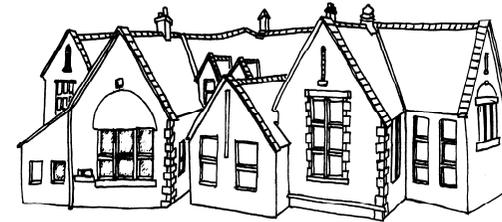
All pupils must learn a modern foreign or ancient language in Key Stage 2. We have taught French from 2005 and will continue to do so.

In ICT programming, the internet and internet safety have high emphasis. These are already taught in our school.

In History two new units of the Stone Age to the Iron Age and a non-European society, the Mayans, are now to be taught.

In Geography historical skills are important - we had already changed our curriculum to include these in September 2013.

Our DT, Art and PE remain the same. RE has been updated over recent years to meet statutory requirements.



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Information for Parents

**The National Curriculum
September 2014**

The New National Curriculum September 2014

We are now fully prepared to implement the new National Curriculum in September 2014. For us there are a few, but not too many, changes. This is because we regularly tweak our curriculum to ensure it prepares children for the next stage of their education and for life. This was validated in the last Ofsted of May 2012 which recognised our "outstanding curriculum".

We thought you might like to know about the new curriculum and what changes we have made. We have also purchased new resources for English, Maths, Science, History and Geography to make sure pupils are engaged in learning using up to date resources. Staff have undertaken training for new areas of learning e.g. computer programming through the use of Scratch and Kodu in ICT.

Long Term Plan

You can access our school's long term curriculum plan, to see what your child will be taught in 2014, on the school's website at: www.annfieldplain-jun.durham.sch.uk/

We will continue to send termly curriculum leaflets home, so that you can continue to support your child in their education too.

English

In the new curriculum there is a stronger emphasis on vocabulary development, grammar, punctuation and spelling. This is already an area we have integrated into our curriculum and staff have received training on during 2012-14.

Handwriting is expected to be fluent, joined, legible and speedy. Both ourselves and the infant school already teach Senter handwriting to ensure this.

Spoken English has a greater emphasis in the new curriculum, with children to be taught debating and presenting skills. Our use of Philosophy for Children (P4C) for spoken English will continue to be used. P4C is a highly valued and effective part of our curriculum, allowing children to express their opinions and debate in a non-judgemental forum.

Science

In Science topics are similar to previously, but some appear in different year groups. However, evolution will be taught in primary schools for the first time.

The new curriculum has a strong focus on scientific knowledge and language, rather than understanding the nature and methods of science in abstract terms.