

The New National Curriculum for English KS1 & KS2

Frequently Asked Questions

When does the new National Curriculum come into effect?

Schools will be required to teach the new curriculum from September 2014. It is statutory for all maintained schools in England.

What are the timings within the curriculum?

The programme of study requires that pupils cover the statutory requirements by the end of the key stage, rather than in a specific year.

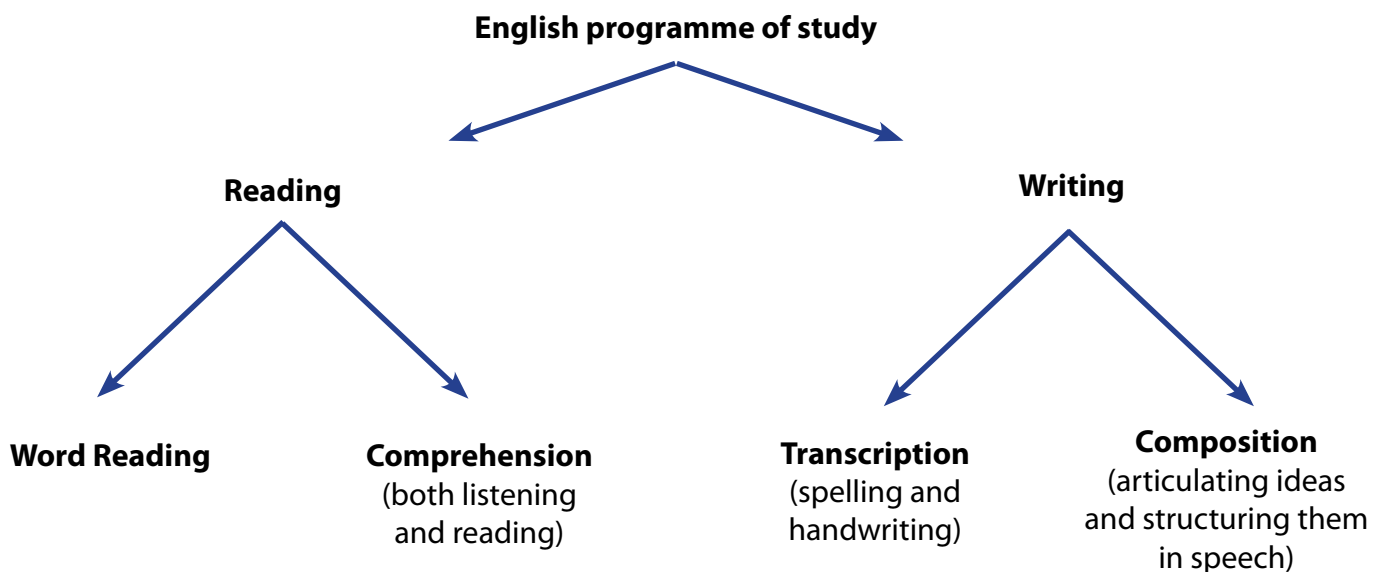
What are the aims of the new English national curriculum?

The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that all children:

- read easily, fluently and with good understanding
- develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information
- acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language
- appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage
- write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences
- use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas
- are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate.

What do schools need to teach?

The English curriculum at key stages 1 and 2 provides schools with a programme of study (it does not provide lesson plans) that they should follow and is split into two distinct areas.



The English programme of study includes a continued emphasis on systematic synthetic phonics, including a progression in teaching. At all levels there is an emphasis on spelling, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation that should be included in the teaching.