

# 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.

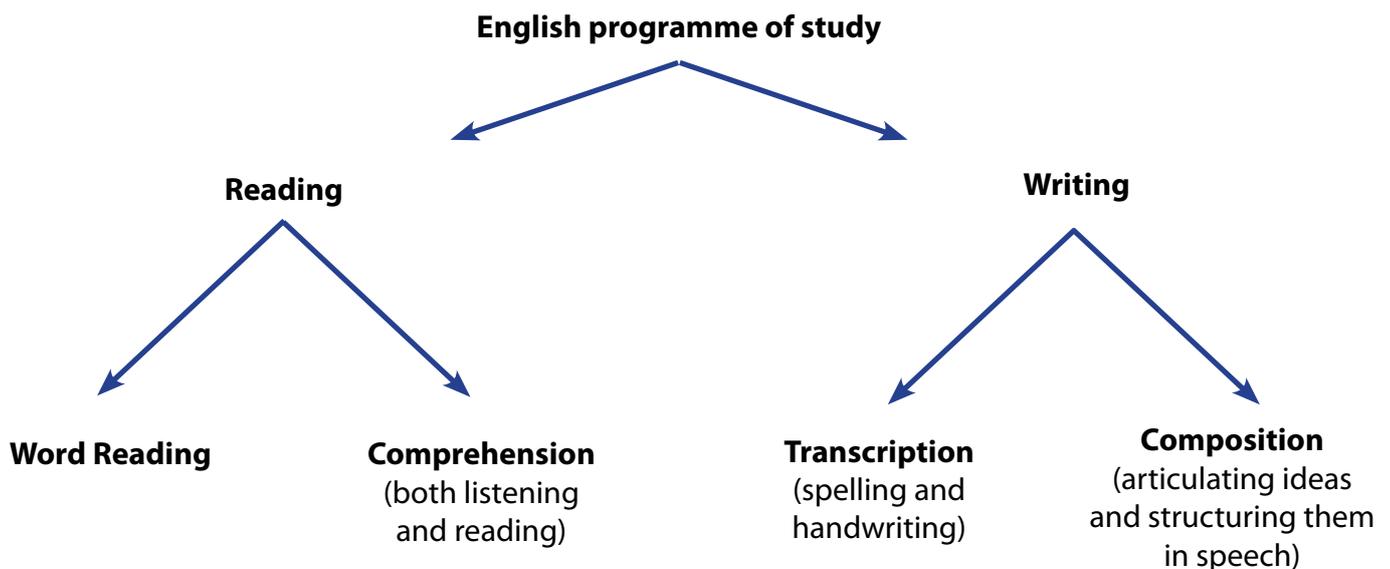
### What are the aims of the new English national curriculum?

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.