

The New Curriculum September 2014

The main changes to the Curriculum are shown below

Subject	Changes
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stronger emphasis on vocabulary development, grammar, punctuation and spelling (for example, the use of commas and apostrophes will be taught in KS1) • Handwriting(not currently assessed under the national curriculum) is expected to be fluent, legible and speedy • Spoken English has a greater emphasis, with children to be taught debating and presenting skills
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five-year-olds will be expected to learn to count up to 100 (compared to 20 under the current curriculum) and learn number bonds to 20 (currently up to 10) • Simple fractions (1/4 and 1/2) will be taught from KS1, and by the end of primary school, children should be able to convert decimal fractions to simple fractions (e.g. $0.375 = 3/8$) • By the age of nine, children will be expected to know times tables up to 12×12 (currently 10×10 by the end of primary school) • Calculators will not be introduced until near the end of KS2, to encourage mental arithmetic skills
Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong focus on scientific knowledge and language, rather than understanding the nature and methods of science in abstract terms • Evolution will be taught in primary schools for the first time • Non-core subjects like caring for animals will be replaced by topics like the human circulatory system
Design & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and Technology has become more important in the new curriculum, setting children on the path to becoming the designers and engineers of the future • More sophisticated use of design equipment such as electronics and robotics • In KS2, children will learn about how key events and individuals in design and technology have shaped the world.
ICT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computing replaces Information and Communication Technology (ICT), with a greater focus on programming rather than on operating programs • From age five, children will learn to write and test simple programs, and to organise, store and retrieve data • From seven, they will be taught to understand computer networks, including the internet • Internet safety – currently only taught from 11-16 – will be taught in primary schools
Languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently not statutory, a modern foreign language or ancient language will be mandatory in KS2. Children will be expected to master basic grammar and accurate pronunciation and to converse, present, read and write in that language

P.E, Music and R.E (Religious Education) are largely unchanged.

Children in the present Year 6 and Year 2 for this year, 2014 / 2015 will continue to study the old primary curriculum in Maths, English and Science. Year 6 will have SAT's in May 2015 based on these old programmes of study. All other subjects will follow the new curriculum.

At Fringford Church of England School we have amended our planning and our topics to take full account of the new requirements. Although some of the changes are completely new to us, (eg Programming as part of Computing), others such as the languages requirement have been in place here for a number of years. All children through the school experience French in their classrooms, with Classes 3 and 4 having a specific French lesson on alternate Wednesday afternoons with Mrs Plumbe.

As a staff we have received additional training from the Local Authority in subjects such as Mathematics and English. In addition our staff, teachers and TA's, have been able to attend other Inset offered by a variety of other providers.

We have purchased considerable additional resources to help us in the delivery of the new curriculum. Where we have changed topics completely we are fully resourcing these as we deliver them to the children. Our planned Humanities topic cycle for Key Stage 2 is given below. We will continue to operate a rolling programme on a four – yearly cycle.

Key Stage 2 Humanities Topics

Academic Year	Cycle	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Sept 2013 – July 2014	1	UK and Weather	Ancient Egyptians	Invaders and Settlers Vikings and Saxons
Sept 2014 – July 2015	2	World War 2	Maps and Mapping	The World and its Wonders
Sept 2015 – July 2016	3	Romans	Ancient Greeks	Where in the World?
Sept 2016 – July 2017	4	Famous People in History	The Mayans	Europe – Its Countries and Cultures

We will continue to give termly Curriculum Letters for each class which will provide greater detail of the current work being covered for all Year Groups. These will be published on our website: www.fringford.oxon.sch.uk

From May 2016 a new assessment procedure based on the new curriculum will be implemented and we will give further details of these new style tests when they become available.