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Curriculum at St. Andrew's Primary School including content and approach – also see curriculum maps regarding academic year and detailed subject content.

The National Curriculum (and the accompanying assessment) as delivered in this school is a legal requirement and, ordinarily no pupil may be excused. All teachers offer English and Mathematics, Science, Computing, Art and Design, Design and Technology, Foreign Language, Geography, History, Music and Physical Education Technology, History, Geography, Physical Education in accordance with new National Curriculum requirements. We occasionally take ideas from schemes of work previously produced by the DfE, LA and ourselves. A music teacher visits school weekly and teaches music within KS1 and KS2 during parts of our school year. The new National Curriculum is described in terms of separate subjects by the documentation which has been published. Whilst the National Curriculum is being taught throughout this school, **the subjects may or may not be taught as separate items**. During the course of the year pupils will cover the full range of subjects within the new National Curriculum, though at different stages of the year there may be a different emphasis (and therefore time) allocated to each curriculum area. Religious Education is taught in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus.

Topics and thematic work provide pupils with the opportunity to study aspects of each subject under subject topics e.g. What happened in the Great Fire of London? From Stone Age to Iron age. Wet! Wet! Wet! Amazing Us. Festivals and Celebrations. We use a learning challenge curriculum.

In our school we place great emphasis on the development of basic skills in English and Mathematics and have daily timetabled sessions to meet the needs of our children in these subjects. Please refer to our policy documents for more detailed information. The introduction of 'Dojo Maths' is proving to be an excellent vehicle for acquiring new mathematics skills. Teachers also lead 'Dojo Maths' workshops for parents which are very successful and appreciated by parents involved. For our approach to phonic skills and reading schemes please see our timetables and curriculum maps. Word reading is one of the essential dimensions of reading; the other is comprehension. Therefore, phonics as well as basic skill in reading and writing take place across the school as does guided reading. We use a variety of reading materials and quizzes to assess comprehension skills. We produce parent help leaflets for these subjects which are explained at the parent teacher consultation evenings by the child's class teacher. Please take time to read these and if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us. Children will also have the opportunity to improve their knowledge of Health Education, Local Studies, Conservation and Pollution as an integral part of their studies throughout the year. At times during the academic year other professionals/outside agencies are used to help us deliver top quality aspects of education i.e. PE coaches, school nurse, liaison police officers and environmental officers.

A wide range of teaching styles is employed including group work, whole class and individual teaching. Timetables are given to parent/carers at the beginning of each term in order to ensure they know which subjects are taught on which days as well as an outline of the areas to be studied in each subject. We fully believe in TEAM working – Together Everyone Achieves More. If you need any more information please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see our teachers or myself. Teachers are available each Wednesday between 3.00 – 3.45 p.m. for discussions about any aspect of our children's education or welfare. Please make an appointment via the school office.





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Teaching Hours.

Key Stage 1 - 23hrs 45 mins

Key Stage 2 - 25hrs

Parents may obtain copies of the Curriculum Policy on request from the Head teacher. Copies of Schemes and OFSTED reports can also be inspected in school on request or online. Please visit www.st-andrews-pri.durham.school.uk

Differentiation

We are a small school with 7 classes; individual year groups in each class. Differentiation work is necessary at all stages to ensure individual needs are met. We also discuss with parents/carers any children we feel would benefit by being taught with other age groups.

Assessment

Assessments are constantly used to enable teachers to meet the needs of pupils whether those with learning difficulties or those with exceptional abilities in accordance with national and county guidance. End of Key Stage SAT's at the appropriate year groups are administered – parents are kept fully informed and a timetable for testing is sent to parents nearer the time. Teacher assessment and end of year optional tests are also used to assess your child and help us focus on teaching and learning to drive the children forward. Staff are beginning work with new materials regarding assessing without levels currently being introduced. End of Key Stage level descriptors are being introduced into our current assessment procedures. Please refer to policy documents for more detailed information.

We hope this information is useful – please come and talk to us about this and any other aspect of your child's welfare and education – we are here to help.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N James
Head teacher

THIS DOCUMENT IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW.

