

Statutory guidance

National curriculum in England: primary curriculum

The national curriculum primary programmes of study and attainment targets for key stages 1 and 2.

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Documents

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a81a9abe5274a2e8ab55319/PRIMARY_national_curriculum.pdf

Ref: DFE-00178-2013
PDF, 2.18 MB, 201 pages

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a800bb440f0b623026912eb/PRIMARY_national_curriculum.doc

MS Word Document, 1.56 MB

Details

The statutory primary national curriculum, including programmes of study and attainment targets, for all subjects at key stages 1 and 2. Languages are only statutory at key stage 2.

These must be taught in all local-authority-maintained primary schools in England.

The statutory primary national curriculum is issued by law, which means you must follow it unless there is a good reason not to.

Schools are not required by law to teach the example content in [square brackets] or the content indicated as being ‘non-statutory’.

The [individual programmes of study for key stages 1 and 2](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum#programmes-of-study-by-subject) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum#programmes-of-study-by-subject>) are also available for each subject.

Further information about the [pre-2014 primary curriculum](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20131202172639/http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/curriculum/primary) (<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20131202172639/http://www.education.gov.uk/schools/teachingandlearning/curriculum/primary>) is available on the National Archives.

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