

Key stage 1 and 2

Compulsory national curriculum subjects at primary school are:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Design and Technology
- History
- Geography
- Art and Design
- Music
- Physical Education (PE), including Swimming
- Computing

Schools can develop their own Computing curricula or follow the programmes of study. They must also provide [religious education \(RE\)](#) but parents can ask for their children to be taken out of the whole lesson or part of it.

Schools often also teach:

- Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)
- Citizenship
- Languages

Tests and assessments

Year 1 phonics screening check

The check will take place in June when your child will read 40 words out loud to a teacher. You'll find out how your child did, and their teacher will assess whether he or she needs extra help with reading. If your child does not reach the pass mark in the phonics screening check, then they'll have to do it again in Year 2.

Key stage 1

End of Key stage 1 tasks and tests cover:

- Reading
- Writing
- Spoken Language
- Maths
- Science

The tasks and tests are taken when the school chooses.

Your child's teacher will use the child's work (including spoken work and homework) to work out what level your child is at in each area.

You can ask for the results but they're only used to help the teacher assess your child's work.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

The purpose of this check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times-tables questions, which normally takes place in June. Your child will answer 3 practise questions before moving onto the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

Key stage 2

End of Key stage 2 tests cover:

- English reading
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths (including mental arithmetic)

The tests are taken in mid-May and last under 5 hours 30 minutes in total. You'll get the results in July. If your child is demonstrating higher achievement then the headteacher may put them in for extra tests.

When your child reaches the end of key stage 2 the teacher will also report on your child's progress in English, Maths and Science.