



Coverage of the National Curriculum

Higham St John's use the Lancashire Scheme of Work to ensure full coverage of the National Curriculum. This is a cross-curricular scheme which incorporates many subjects each half term under one theme.

As all of our classes are mixed-age, we teach these units in a cycle to ensure that children do not repeat work, whichever class they are in. We fully differentiate the work to ensure that all children are challenged at an appropriate level. We also add two/three units a year, linked with local, national and international events and the specialisms of the individual teachers.

Each term, your child will bring home a letter detailing the curriculum coverage for the term ahead, with full details of the topic and the areas that will be explored. This will also help you to support learning at home. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

EYFS & Key Stage 1					
Year A <i>(Years Commencing Sept 2018, 2021, 2025)</i>	Penguins, Possums & Pigs Investigating places with different climates and the animals that live there.	Growth & Green Fingers <i>Pupils use the local environment to explore and answer questions about plants growing in their habitat. They should observe the growth of flowers and vegetables that they have planted.</i>	Fighting Fit Animal Survival and growth (Humans).	Buckets & Spades Geog/His topic looking at tourism and similarities/differences between seaside resorts past and present.	<u>Optional Units</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairtrade • Summer Olympics & Paralympics Y/C Sept 19 and Sept 23) • Winter Olympics (Y/C Sept 17, Sept 21) • Modern Inventions & Inventors
Year B <i>(Years Commencing Sept 2016, 2019, 2022)</i>	Family Album	Robots	The Place Where I Live	Wind in the Willows	
Year C <i>(Years Commencing Sept 2017, 2019, 2023)</i>	Fire, Fire!	The Great Outdoors	The Farm Shop	Explorers	

**Optional units which can be switched for other cross-curricular topics to cover local, national and international events, strengths of the teacher and children's interests.*

Key Stage 2						
Year A <i>(Years Commencing Sept 2017, 2019, 2021 & 2023)</i>	Class 3	Healthy Humans	The Iron Man	What the Romans did for Us	The Great Plague	<u>Optional Units</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairtrade • Summer Olympics & Paralympics (Y/C Sept 19 and Sept 23)
	Class 4	Hunted!	Food, Glorious	Inventors and	Passport to	

			Food!	Inventions	Europe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter Olympics (<i>Y/C Sept 17, Sept 21</i>) • Individual Country studies • Victorians (Local History link) • Financial Matters / Enterprise Project / Career Studies (Class 5 only)
	Class 5	Britten's Got Talent?	Heroes & Villains	Oh I do like to be beside the Seaside	Future Career Pathways	
Year B (Years Commencing Sept 2018, 2020, 2022)	Class 3	There's No Place like Home	Rock and Roll!	How does your Garden Grow?	Sparks Might Fly!	
	Class 4	Water, Water Everywhere!	A Kingdom United	Earthlings	The Art of Food	
	Class 5	Survival!	Super Sleuth	Amazon Adventure	Faster, Higher, Stronger	

Extra Units – Material Properties, Sound & Light, Shadows & Reflections

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In addition to the units of work covered above, E-Safety skills are covered in an age-appropriate way, in addition to basic computing skills which are then built upon within the themes above. These are covered as follows:-

Year 1 – Other Skills - Typing Skills, Use of iPads & Computers ,Using basic presentation/word processing packages

Year 2 – E-Safety - Reporting Content, Knowing online risks

Other Skills - Typing skills, Personal Account Management e.g. Folders on network, Dropbox etc., Internet Searching Skills, Using basic presentation/word processing packages

Class 3 – E-Safety - Dangers of the Internet / Your digital profile / Communication online

Typing skills, Word Processing Packages in depth, Effective Web Browsing

Class 4 - E-Safety - Dangers of Social Media / Privacy

Other Skills - Spreadsheets and databases introduction, Presentation Packages in depth

Class 5 – E-Safety - Dangers of Phishing & Web Advertising / Behaviour Online & Cyberbullying

Other Skills - Spreadsheets & Databases

Modern Foreign Languages

Curriculum French is taught to all KS2 classes each week by a specialist teacher. The curriculum is broadly based around the adapted QCA units, which can be found [here](#).

As our classes are all mixed-aged, the curriculum isn't taught as age-related topics as shown in the QCA units. The curriculum is adapted for the needs and abilities of the children within each class and also in relation to the 'theme' of each term, as appropriate.

Religious Education (R.E.)

As a Church of England School, Religious Education is a key part of the curriculum of the school and is taught in all year groups. School follows the agreed syllabus as recommended by the Blackburn Diocese, which follows a two year cycle. A copy of this is available upon request.

The teaching of R.E. at the school focuses on two key areas:-

AT1 – Learning About Religion – This is primarily learning about the facts about different religions, including holy books, customs and practises, key events within the religious calendar and the lives of those who follow that religion.

AT2 – Learning From Religion – This is a deeper level skill that is developed with the children, seeking to compare their own lives to that of a person following the specific religion being explored. Questions such as, ‘Why do they choose to live their lives this way?’ ‘How does my life compare to that of a Muslim’, ‘What beliefs do the religions share?’ and ‘What can we learn from different religions to help make us better people?’ Personal faith also forms part of this.

Religions covered include Christianity (approx 60%), with the remaining time split between Islam, Hinduism, Judaism, Sikhism and Buddhism.