

Parent Coffee Morning

GPS

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Why the big curriculum change?

The main aim is to raise standards, particularly as the UK is slipping down international student assessment league tables. Inspired by what is taught in the world's most successful school systems, including Hong Kong, Singapore and Finland, as well as in the best UK schools, it's designed to produce productive, creative and well educated students.

What's new for English?

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

English – KS1

- Only phonic reading strategies required
- No specific mention of group work or drama strategies
- References to ICT/typing removed
- Learning of poetry (including reciting poetry) introduced
- Specific spellings, e.g. days of the week
- Joined writing expected in Year 2
- Proof-reading of own writing

English – KS2

- Phonic decoding expected to be secure by Y3
- No specific mention of group work, drama strategies or use of ICT
- Learning of classic & modern poetry (including reciting poetry)
introduced
- Specific spelling rules to be taught
- Précising and dictation
- Greatly increased expectations in grammar and punctuation (detailed appendices)

New GPS Tests

Format of the KS1 test

Component	Description	Number of papers	Number of marks	Approximate timing of paper
Paper 1: grammar and punctuation: short task	Written task	1	15	20 minutes
Paper 2: grammar, punctuation and vocabulary: questions	2a) Contextualised short answer questions	1	10	Two 10 minute sections, between which a break may be given at the teacher's discretion. Total time = 20 minutes
	2b) Short answer questions		10	
Paper 3: spelling task	Spelling (20 words)	1	10	15 minutes (not strictly timed)
	Total	3	45	Recommended 55 minutes

English – KS1/2

Sample papers – work with someone to look at the sample Papers. Are there any thoughts?

Next coffee morning we will look at 'Reading'

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Any Questions?

Thank You

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