



**Key Stage 1 and 2
Curriculum @ Arundel
Court Primary**



Changes to the National Curriculum

A new National Curriculum was introduced September 2014 and there is a greater emphasis on basic skills;

English – Speaking and Listening, leading to Reading and Writing; Phonics; Reading for Pleasure; Writing for Purpose and an Audience

Maths - application of maths skills; reasoning and problem solving; longer time spent teaching key concepts so there is greater depth to the learning and understanding.

Science – moving from first hand experiences, observations, asking questions in key stage 1 to deeper understanding of scientific ideas, encountering more abstract ideas, predicting, and recognise change over time in Key Stage 2.

For primary schools the biggest change is the introduction of **Computing** and the need to teach children programming skills from an earlier age. We are very well resourced for this area and will continue to spend time on ensuring teacher skills are updated regularly.

A group of pupils have been selected to train as digital leaders and they will also support pupils and staff.

English

Writing

- We teach writing that has a purpose
- We teach using real writing experiences
- We use a whole school handwriting and spelling programme
- We link English across the curriculum and into most subjects.
- We have a Governors Writing Shield Award
- We use ICT to present writing in different ways



Reading

- We use plenty of exciting reading opportunities with excellent reading resources
- We have well stocked vibrant libraries
- Your child reads daily with an adult whenever possible
- We teach phonics and grammar across the school
- We encourage different ways of reading e.g. computers, newspapers
- We have two qualified Reading Recovery Teachers to support children who need extra support.
- All our staff are trained to deliver a 'Better Reading Programme' and some can deliver the FFT wave literacy programme.



Fun

- We use drama and live theatre performances
- We have reading and library clubs
- We enjoy author visits
- We have fun book weeks & dressing up as book characters



Home

- We offer early bird reading
- We offer family literacy workshops
- We encourage opportunities to read, write and spell at home



Web sites to use at home

- www.literacytrust.org.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/your_involvement
- www.wordsforlife.org.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/green-balloon-club

Did you know?

Children who read at home are 5 times more likely to do better at school.



Maths

What we teach

- Number work and calculations
- Shape and space
- Measure
- Data handling



How we teach Maths:

- We use plenty of exciting maths real life opportunities with excellent resources
- We have a vast array of Maths ICT programmes. We use a variety of published material to help teach the new maths curriculum. E.g. 'enrich', an online resource and 'Abacus'.
- We do tables and mental maths daily
- We also have an accredited Number Counts Teacher to help some of our slow movers
- We set challenges to use maths skills
- We encourage problem solving
- We link maths to other subject areas



Fun

- We use ICT opportunities and quizzes
- We have Maths Week
- We support World Maths Day
- We take part in Portsmouth Maths Challenge



Home

- We ask you give your child real life numeracy experiences
- We offer parent and child maths workshops
- We give homework to reinforce learning from school.



Web sites to use at home

- www.bbc.co.uk/schools
- www.mathszone.co.uk
- www.topmarks.co.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize