



Our School Curriculum

At St Bartholomew's, as in all state maintained schools, we follow the National Curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science, Computing, History, Geography, Art and Design, Music, Design and Technology, Physical Education and Modern Foreign Language at Key Stage 2.

As a Christian school, Religious Education (R.E.) is central to the life of our school and to the curriculum. We use the approved Blackburn diocesan scheme of work for the teaching of the R.E. curriculum. There are collective acts of worship daily, whole school assemblies twice a week, and a weekly key stage assembly.

Some subjects, such as English, Maths and R.E. are taught separately as discrete subjects and other subjects are mostly taught using a topic or cross curricular approach based on the Lancashire Topic Curriculum each half term. Creative links are made where possible to English and Mathematics.

We use the synthetic phonics approach to teaching reading. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a daily phonics lesson. Children are taught to read letters or groups of letters by saying the sound(s) they represent. Children can then start to read words by blending (synthesising) the sounds together to make a word.

From Year 2 to Year 6 we use the 'No Nonsense Spelling' programme to support the teaching of spelling. If a child moves into Key Stage 2 and still requires further teaching of phonics, then this would be provided in a small group or on a one to one basis, according to the child's needs.

The following hyperlink will take you to the Department for Education website where there are further links to the individual programmes of study at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 for each subject in the National Curriculum, including the core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science, as well as Computing, History, Geography, Art and Design, Music, Design and Technology, Physical Education and Modern Foreign Languages (French – in KS2 only).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>