

Key Stage 2 Curriculum Information

At Hexham Middle School, our emphasis is on a broad and balanced school curriculum along with a wide variety of enrichment and extra-curricular activities to support learning in the classroom. This document aims to provide you with the key information you'll need in order to support learning at home (and troubleshoot if required). Our website is updated regularly and the curriculum pages will give more details on coverage and assessment in each subject. As always, please do email admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk should you have any questions, queries or concerns. We are all here to help!

English

Pupils have 6 hours of English lessons per week, comprising of two double lessons which are heavily focused on reading comprehension. It is vital that pupils are reading in their own time for at least 20 minutes every day. Pupils will soon be able to access the HMS library once a week in their English lessons. Each classroom has a range of reading books which can also be borrowed. If your child needs a suitable reading book, please ask them to speak to their English teacher who will be more than happy to help. Pupils have a Reading Record book which parents and English teachers will complete and sign regularly. They also receive weekly spellings which should be learnt for a test on Thursday (Year 5) and Wednesday (Year 6).

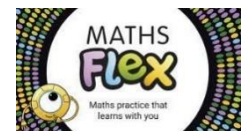
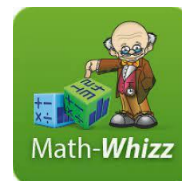
Pupils will receive a login for SPAG.com and some selected pupils will receive a login for Reading Plus. Details of logins and passwords can be found in pupils' planners.

The Head of Key Stage 2 English is Miss L. Kingett.



Maths

Pupils have 6 hours of maths lessons per week which are focused on arithmetic, reasoning and problem solving. Maths fluency is vital and for this it is important that children understand and can recall their times tables up to 12x12. Pupils all have access to Times Table Rockstars and to Maths Flex online in order to practise these vital skills. Selected pupils also have a login to Maths Whizz which will support their learning. Details of logins and passwords can be found in pupils' planners. The Head of Key Stage 2 maths is Mrs. F. Hall.



Science

Pupils have 3 hours of science lessons per week; details of curriculum coverage can be found on our website. The sites listed below will help with homework and at-home learning if required. The Head of Key Stage 2 science is Mrs. A. Gregory.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z2pfb9q>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-2/subjects/science>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/remote-lessons/key-stage-2>

Humanities

Pupils study history, geography and RE separately at HMS. They will have 1 hour per week dedicated to each individual subject to allow them to develop their understanding and progress their skills in each individual subject. To aide learning outside the classroom, the library at HMS possesses an array of humanities-based reading material which can be used for home learning and home learning-based projects. Pupils, through their school 360 home page, can also access 'Q-files' and 'DK find out', online pupil friendly encyclopedias full of information to help further their learning of humanities and other subjects. The Head of Key Stage 2 humanities is Mr. J. Johnson.

Homework

Pupils at Hexham Middle School can expect to receive at least one piece of English and maths homework weekly. As well as this, they are expected to read for 20 minutes per day and learn spellings (weekly) and times tables (as directed). All homework will be given a set deadline and recorded in pupil planners. Deadlines are likely to vary depending on the nature and size of the task given, as well as the amount of other homework pupils have been given that week.

Subject	Details
Science	At least one piece or project every 2 weeks
History/Geography	A series of pieces or one substantial project per half term.
French	At least once per half term
Religious Education	At least once per half term
Design Technology	A series of pieces or one substantial project per half term. Vocabulary and knowledge quiz revision as required.
Food Technology	A series of pieces or one substantial project per half term Cookery ingredients required fortnightly
Art	At least once per half term
Music	At least once per half term
Physical Education	Two end of unit assessments per half term

Online learning

If your child is required to isolate due to Covid, or online learning provision is required for another reason, school 360 will be used by all teachers to deliver live lessons and set tasks for learning at home. Below you will find the information you need to access remote learning. We will continue to use Google Classroom as our main platform for remote education as well as the many other online resources available to our pupils (links on our website).

Joining instructions for Google Classroom:

1. Make sure your child has joined the right class for them (codes have been sent home).
2. Your child needs to log into Google Classroom through School 360.
3. They enter the Google Classroom for the lesson taking place.
4. At the top of the classroom (under the class name), they should see a Google Meet link which they need to click.
5. This will take them into the lesson (once allowed by the teacher).
6. Once in the meeting, your child should click 'mute' and communicate with the teacher via the chat feature. They should not chat between themselves either aloud or on the chat feature.

Our website contains guidance, resources and useful links to support you and your child at home. You can also, as always, contact us via admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk with any questions you may have.

Soon, we will be hosting Curriculum Information Evenings which you will be invited to. During these sessions, relevant curriculum and senior leaders will introduce themselves and their departments, talking you through the many ways you can further support your child's progress at home. Please keep an eye out for more details of these dates which will be confirmed in due course.