

## 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](mailto:admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk) should you have any questions, queries or concerns. We are all here to help!

### English



Pupils have 12 hours of English lessons per fortnight in year 5, 13 in year 6, where they follow a cycle of reading and writing sequences with integrated spelling and grammar activities. It is vital that pupils read in their own time for at least 20 minutes every day. Pupils are able to access the HMS library once a week in their English lessons and at break/lunch times. 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 make a suitable recommendation. Pupils have a Reading Record within their planner which parents and English teachers should complete and sign regularly. They also receive weekly spellings which should be learnt for a weekly test. Some selected pupils will receive a login for Reading Plus. Details of all logins and passwords can be found in pupils' planners.

The Head of English is Mrs R Wade.

### Maths



Students receive six hours of maths per week, concentrating on arithmetic, reasoning, and problem-solving. Mastery of mathematical fluency is essential, particularly the ability to understand and recall multiplication tables up to 12x12. To support this, all students have access to Times Table Rockstars for practice. Additionally, Year 6 students have access to lbq.org, an award-winning platform that facilitates the practice of crucial skills and content for Year 6 and beyond. Login details are available in the students' planners.

For further assistance, please contact the Head of Maths, Miss R. Storey

### Science

Pupils have 5 hours of science lessons per fortnight; 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 Science is Mrs. A. Gregory.

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

<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 aid 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.

Teachers will record any homework on MCAS – you will be able to see details of the task, any associated resources and a deadline for completion on your app.

Subject	Details
Science	At least one piece or project every 2 weeks
History/Geography	Once per half term
French	Once per fortnight
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.
Art	At least once per half term
Music	At least once per half term
Physical Education	Two end of unit assessments per half term

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](mailto:admin@hexhammiddle.org.uk) with any questions you may have.

**Should you require any further information on any of the above, please contact the relevant curriculum leader in the first instance or put a note in your child's planner. We are all keen to support your child's attainment and progress in a variety of different ways and will be in touch throughout the year with other opportunities for you to come into school and see how your child is progressing. Keep up to date with school life via our website, our social media pages and on My Child at School (MCAS). Your continued support is very much appreciated.**