



GENERAL INFORMATION ON EDUCATION

Generally speaking, the Nursery class and the Reception class is regarded as the Foundation Stage of the National Curriculum. Children start Reception in the September prior the child attaining five years of age. They then move through Year One and Year Two, which are known as Key Stage One. (Year two is the equivalent of top infants). From this the children go through Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and year 6. This is Key Stage Two; year 3 being first year juniors and year 6 being the oldest children in school. Key Stage Two is sometimes talked about as lower KS2 and upper KS2, reflecting the difference between lower junior and upper junior school children.

| NATIONAL KEY STAGE | YEAR GROUPS WITHIN THE KEY STAGE |
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| Foundation | Nursery and Reception class |
| Key Stage One | Year 1, Year 2 |
| Key Stage Two | Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 |

The curriculum

All the children at Castleton are taught a broad and balanced curriculum. The Foundation and National Curriculum documents, and subject guidance provide the framework for this from the Qualifications and Curriculum Agency (QCA). This is supplemented by;

- The National Literacy Strategy
- The Additional Literacy Strategy
- The Early Literacy Strategy
- The Further Literacy Strategy
- The National Numeracy Strategy
- The Springboard Strategies for years 3,4 and 5
- The LEA syllabus for RE
- Our own existing schemes of work
- Any additional strategies (SULP, Direct Phonics) which aid children's access to the curriculum and so to further learning

