

Drama

To December

S2 CURRICULUM GUIDE

Curriculum - what will be taught?

- Pupils will be involved in performing role play, improvisation and short scripted plays.
- Pupils will be given basic Theatre Production skills associated with their performance work.
- Pupils will learn about different styles of Drama through use of DVD and video.

Homework opportunities

- Work will be given occasionally to re-enforce class - work or to learn part of a script.

How can parents help?

- Ensure your child completes all written homework
- Watch TV programmes with your child (e.g. Soaps) and talk to your child about the characters - how they speak and how they move - the things that actually make the 'drama'.

English

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

In the English classroom the following skills are developed:

- Writing
- Reading
- Talking
- Working co-operatively with others
- Learning how to assess their own work.

These skills are developed when completing units of work on:

- Story
- Play
- Poetry
- Non-fiction writing.

All pupils will also work on:

- Punctuation
- Grammar
- Spelling

through targets set in class.

Home-School Reading

All pupils will read books from the Library or home. All pupils will be involved in talking and writing about their reading through their Reading Record.

Homework opportunities

Pupil will be set homework throughout the term related to their class work:

- Research
- Reading
- Planning
- Drafting

in preparation for both written work and solo talk.

Reading is an on going homework throughout the year.

How can parents help?

- Talk about their targets.
- Encourage them to focus on these when completing work at home.
- Talk about what they are **Learning** in class.
- All pupils are expected to read at home : please encourage reading for **at least 15 minutes every day**.
- Reading is to be encouraged not only for the pleasure and knowledge it gives but also for the chance to become increasingly familiar with correct spelling, sentence structures and paragraphing, the layout of speech and other conventions of the written word.
- Please talk to your child about their reading, what the stories are about, what they are enjoying in it.
- We hope you will enjoy this involvement.

French

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

Work through Unit1 - Unit 3 in Metro 2:

- Past tense
- Daily routines
- Family and the body

Homework opportunities

- Question sheet with disc for Listening tasks - to be completed weekly.
- Homework book tasks set weekly.
- Vocabulary list - words to learn weekly.

How can parents help?

- Talk to your child about the work they are doing. Encourage them to speak French aloud.
- When learning a language short **frequent** revision is the best means of learning.
- Listen to them recite their vocabulary.
- Help with written work by providing an English / French dictionary.

German

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

Work through Unit 1 - Unit 3
in Logo 2:

- Past tense and time
- Holidays
- Keeping fit

Homework opportunities

- Question sheet with disc for Listening tasks - to be completed weekly.
- Homework book tasks set weekly.
- Vocabulary list - words to learn weekly.

How can parents help?

- Talk to your child about the work they are doing. Encourage them to speak German aloud.
- When learning a language short **frequent** revision is the best means of learning.
- Listen to them recite their vocabulary.
- Help with written work by providing an English / German dictionary.

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

- Build on skills learned in S1
- Examine Database applications
- Familiarise themselves with computer terminology

Homework opportunities

- Reinforcement of computer terminology
- Research to prepare for the next lesson.
- Planning of spreadsheet design

How can parents help?

- Ensure your child completes all written homework.
- If there is a computer available encourage your child to examine the spreadsheet features.
- If possible ask and discuss the following web sites

www.teachingideas.co.uk/welcome/

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

www.btinternet.com/~tony.poulter/links/tutlinks.htm

Mathematics

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

- Pupils will practise mental and written methods of calculation.
- Pupils will study shapes, their properties, how to calculate the area and the perimeter.
- Pupils will study the properties of angles.
- Pupils will construct and interpret scale drawings.
- Pupils will study percentages and fractions.

Homework opportunities

Homework will be provided in the form of:

- Extra practise at home.
- Written exercises to complete.
- Research to prepare for the next lesson.
- Revision of skills learnt in class.

How can parents help?

Parents can help by:

- Practising basic multiplication tables.
- Providing opportunities for their son or daughter to help with numerical activities such as estimating the cost of the shopping. Help cost a holiday or day out.
- Providing opportunities for pupils to revise and consolidate the skills learnt in school.

Physical Education

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

- Pupils will continue to follow a broad skills based course with the focus on improving practical performance in both individual activities and team games.
- Activities covered in S2 are:- Football, Hockey, Ball Games, HRPF, Gymnastics, Rugby, Swimming, Social Dance, Athletics and Soft Ball.
- Each activity is based on a 4-6 week rotation for two contact periods per week.
- Over 1st term the following activities will be predominantly covered:- Football, Hockey, Swimming, Social Dance and Rugby.

Homework opportunities

- Homework is occasionally set but the focus is on practical work.
- The major homework related task is for each pupil to ensure they bring appropriate PE kit and a change of footwear for each lesson.
- **N.B.** Football tops which have an alcohol company sponsor e.g. Carlsberg are not allowed to be worn for P.E. lessons

How can parents help?

- Parents can help by ensuring that their son/daughter brings appropriate P.E. kit to each lesson.
- Encourage your son/daughter to be actively involved in sport not just within the school day but also through participation in the schools extra-curricular sports programme and other sporting opportunities within the local community.
- If you have an expertise in any sport please ask to give an input into the extra-curricular sports programme. Your help will be greatly appreciated. For further details please contact C. Taylor (Active Schools Sports Coordinator)

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

August -

Topics covered will include:-

Profiling and self awareness - this involves working in a variety of ways, as an individual, as part of a group and in pairs. This is designed to help pupils find strengths in ways of working.

Sex Education

This part of the PSD programme will cover the following aspects of sex education,

- Image
- Contraception
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases

The school nurse will be closely involved in the sex education element of the programme

Homework opportunities

Homework is set at the discretion of the class teacher and may include extension work from the activity in class, completion of a particular topic begun in class or research into a future topic.

How can parents help?

Encourage your child to talk about what they are learning in PSD.

Involve them in discussion about important issues and encourage them to give their own opinions.

Spend time listening to your child's experiences at school and encourage them to use other sources of information about a variety of topics, for example, the internet, television, newspapers and magazines.

S3 CURRICULUM GUIDE

Curriculum - what will be taught?

Successes and Achievements
Pupils will look at their successes and their achievements and evaluate skills, qualities and strengths. Setting targets for development and improvement in relation to school work.

Careers education - using Careers Scotland Careers Box examine issues surrounding the world of work and look at pathways for further education and lifelong learning.

Homework opportunities

Skills and qualities audit.

Targets for improvement

Presenting neat copies for future use in progress file.

Extension of work covered in class
Research tasks for example questionnaires to gain information for use in future lessons

How can parents help?

Encourage your child to talk about what they are learning in PSD.

Involve them in discussion about important issues and encourage them to give their own opinions.

Participate in research work done at home and become involved in work covered in school.

SCIENCE

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

- Atoms, elements and compounds- atom, making and breaking compounds, elements and mixtures
- Populations - fossils, prey, predators, adaptations for survival, competition, population, growth, ecosystems, Darwin
- Energy types, transfer efficiency, potential and kinetic, renewable / non renewable, alternatives, sun, biofuels

Homework opportunities

- We use a commercial support package to complement the Science Course
- The content is based upon skill. Based work sheets involving the handling of data, problem solving questions and the interpretation of experimental data
- It also involves open ended questioning and project work

How can parents help?

- Parents can check on the quality of the work produced
- Produce resource for reference e.g. books and computers internet
- Parents should also revise with their children the coursework especially for unit tests

SOCIAL SUBJECTS

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All units will be a 6 week course.

Each unit will be differentiated so as to be appropriate for levels C - F.

Curriculum - what will be taught?

1. Terrorism
(Modern Studies unit)
2. Slavery
(History unit)
3. Earthforces
(Geography unit)

Homework opportunities

For each unit in S2 Social Subjects there is a dedicated homework booklet, or individual sheets, which will be issued at the beginning of each unit. Pupils should complete the exercises when told to do so by their class teacher.

How can parents help?

Discussion of topics covered and encouragement to conduct further research.
The terrorism unit will include the threat to world peace following 9/11 and conflict in Northern Ireland. A focus in the slavery unit will be the celebration of the end of slavery by the UK. Earthforces will include earthquakes and volcanoes.