

English

To December

S1 CURRICULUM GUIDE

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

Pupils 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 1:

- Introducing Topics
- Personal language
- School

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 1:

- Personal language
- School
- Family

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.

Home Economics

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

Food Unit

- Hello to Home Economics is a topic which teaches the following : basic practical skills, organisation, safety, hygiene, weighing and measuring, kitchen equipment, and methods of cooking.
- The pupils are taught 2 periods per week. One period is for teacher demonstration and theory, the other for the pupil to carry out practical work. Once these basics have been covered a Healthy Eating topic is started. This builds on the basics and introduces nutrition and good eating habits. Dietary targets are gone over in depth and appropriate food is made to reflect each target. Christmas Cookery is done in December

Homework opportunities

- Homework books are given out for the Hello to Home Economics Topic. This runs along with the theory done in class.
- Pupils are asked to bring in a payment to help towards the cost of food and fabric used during the year. This payment is payable in 2 instalments. The first being due by the end of September, the second by February.
- Practice of practical skills would help to improve them.
- Part of the Hello to Home Economics homework booklet has a section on sewing machines which reinforces lessons taught.

How can parents help?

- Parents can ensure that all homework is completed.
- Encourage their son/daughter to cook or bake for the family. This could lead to a healthier lifestyle for all.
- Encourage practise of skills at home.

Fabric Unit

- One period per week. Basic embroidery stitches are used with binca or aida cloth to produce a small article e.g. book mark.

This leads into basic sewing machine skills. A storage bag is produced to show these skills.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils will familiarise themselves with the school network. • Keyboard skills • Use other peripherals as appropriate • Familiarise themselves with computer terminology • Use Spreadsheet package • Examine applications used in Creating and Presenting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforcement of computer terminology • Research to prepare for the next lesson. • Revision of skills learnt in class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure your child completes all written homework. • Through Magazines, Internet and television encourage your child to examine new developments in IT. • If there is a computer available encourage your child to use Word processing and Presentation software. • If possible visit and discuss the following web sites www.webopedia.com/ www.teachingideas.co.uk/welcome/ http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/

Mathematics

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

- Pupils will practise mental and written methods of calculation.
- Pupils will explore shape through the study of symmetry and angles.
- Pupils will round numbers either to the nearest whole number, 10, 100, 1000 or by decimal places.
- Pupils will study percentages and fractions.
- Pupils will use data handling techniques to interpret, analyse and display information.

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.

Music

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

- To link with work from primary school, pupils will be involved in class singing.
- Pupils will develop skills in musical notation and 'reading' music.
- Pupils will learn how to play keyboard, bass guitar, tuned percussion and acoustic guitar.
- Pupils will listen to a variety of music including Latin American Music and Scottish Music.

Homework opportunities

- Homework may be given to re-inforce musical notation
- Play any musical instrument available at home - get a sound out of it - look up on the internet how to play it.

How can parents help?

- If there is a musical instrument at home, encourage your child to play: pick out tunes, eg. Theme tunes, pop songs, etc
- Encourage your child to listen to different types of music - not just rock/pop. (eg musicals, films, brass band, etc)
- If your child gets instrumental lessons, they should practise every day.

Physical Education

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

- Pupils will follow a broad skills based course with the focus on improving practical performance in both individual activities and team games.
- Activities covered in S1 are:- Football, Hockey, Ball Games, HRPF, Expressive Dance, 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 Expressive Dance.

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.
- Also from session 2007-08 pupils will have the opportunity to purchase a "standard" P.E kit consisting of t-shirt, shorts, and track suit bottoms. This will be not be compulsory but optional.

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)

PSD

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

Pupils will work on a variety of topics throughout the year, designed to encourage both cooperation and self awareness.

Much of the work involves discussion and interaction between classmates. There will be elements of written work and some practical activities.

Topics in the first session include:-

Settling in to a new school

Bullying

Health and Hygiene

There will be opportunities to have visits from outside agencies and to take part in some fund raising events

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.

SCIENCE

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Curriculum - what will be taught?

- Introduction to Science, Investigations, data analysis, hypothesizing, concluding
- Matter - solids, liquids and gases, states of matter, solvents, solution, kinetic energy particles
- Variety of life - alive, non living, respiration, photosynthesis, classifying animals and plants, biological keys, cells, tissues and organs.
- Forces - measurement, newtons, frictions, pulleys, aerodynamics, streamlining.
- Acids and Alkalis - comparing indicators, ph Scale, Neutralization

Homework opportunities

- We use a 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 B - F.

Curriculum - what will be taught?

1. Local Area and mapping skills
(Geography unit)
2. Rights of the Child
(Modern Studies unit)
3. Ancient History - Egypt

Homework opportunities

For each unit in S1 and S2 Social Subjects there is a dedicated homework booklet, or individual sheets, which will be issued at the appropriate time. Pupils should complete the exercises when told to do so by their class teacher.

How can parents help?

Participate in surveys.
Discuss geographical issues in relation to Stranraer.
Encourage further research of the issues raised in the units.