The "Big Picture" of the Primary Curriculum

CURRICULUM AIM

The Northern Ireland Curriculum aims to empower young people to achieve their potential and to make informed and responsible decisions throughout their lives…

CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

TO DEVELOP THE YOUNG PERSON AS AN INDIVIDUAL

personal understanding · mutual understanding · personal health · moral character · spiritual awareness

TO DEVELOP THE YOUNG PERSON AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO SOCIETY

citizenship · cultural understanding · media awareness · ethical awareness

TO DEVELOP THE YOUNG PERSON AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT

employability · economic awareness · education for sustainable development

INFUSING

WHOLE CURRICULUM SKILLS & CAPABILITIES

COMMUNICATION · USING MATHEMATICS · ICT

THINKING SKILLS AND PERSONAL CAPABILITIES

Managing information · Being creative · Thinking, problem solving and decision-making · Working with others · Self-management

ACROSS

LEARNING AREAS

THE ARTS · LANGUAGE AND LITERACY · MATHEMATICS AND NUMERACY · PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT · PHYSICAL EDUCATION · THE WORLD AROUND US · RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

INCORPORATING

ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING

- building a more open relationship between learner and teacher
- clear learning intentions shared with pupils
- shared / negotiated success criteria
- individual target setting
- taking risks for learning
- advice on what to improve and how to improve it
- peer & self assessment
- celebrating success
- peer & self evaluation of learning

PROMOTING / ENCOURAGING

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- investigating & problem solving
- links between curriculum areas
- relevant and enjoyable
- media-rich
- skills integrated
- active and hands on
- offers choice
- challenging and engaging
- supportive environment
- culturally diverse
- positive reinforcement
- varied to suit learning style
- on-going reflection
- enquiry based

FOSTERING

ATTITUDES AND DISPOSITIONS

- personal responsibility
- concern for others
- commitment – determination - resourcefulness
- openness to new ideas
- self-confidence
- curiosity
- community spirit
- flexibility
- tolerance
- integrity – moral courage
- respect