The "Big Picture" of the Curriculum at Key Stages 1 & 2

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

INFUSING

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

CROSS-CURRICULAR SKILLS

ACROSS

THINKING SKILLS & PERSONAL CAPABILITIES

COMMUNICATION
Managing Information
Working with Others

USING MATHEMATICS
Thinking, Problem Solving, Decision Making
Self-Management

USING ICT
Being Creative

AREAS OF LEARNING

INCORPORATING

- THE ARTS
- LANGUAGE AND LITERACY
- MATHEMATICS AND NUMERACY
- PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT & MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- THE WORLD AROUND US
- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING

PROMOTING / ENCOURAGING

- 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 and self assessment
- celebrating success
- peer and self evaluation of learning

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

FOSTERING

- 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

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