

CURRICULUM GUIDE FOR YEAR 2 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

The purpose of this curriculum guide is to provide parents and students with an outline of:

1. The curriculum structure in Year 2
2. Assessments and Reports in Year 2
3. Details about courses in Year 2
4. Assessment Tasks for Grade 2

We hope this curriculum guide helps to clarify many of the questions and concerns pertaining to Year 2 academic issues at GEMS Cambridge International School, Dubai.

It is strongly recommended that parents keep this book for future guidance and information throughout Year 2.

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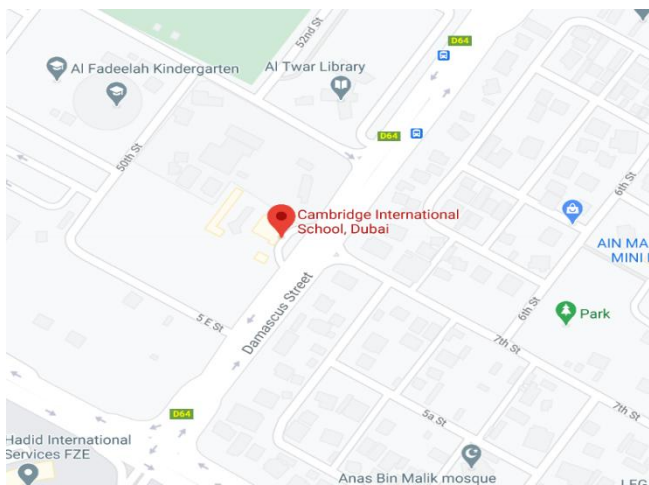


At CIS, we aim to provide an exceptional level of care and education for every individual student. We firmly believe, all students can succeed. We work to inspire a determination within the school and every student to achieve their highest potential.

We aim to maximise student success by ensuring that all students are provided with rich, high quality educational opportunities, within our culture of high aspiration where achievement is recognised and celebrated. It is our determination to ensure that all students at CIS progress, achieve and are provided with the support and challenge to excel in a happy, supported environment.

I hope you take the opportunity to read this course guide and I look forward to welcoming you to GEMS CIS.

Miss Lindsey Yarwood



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SECTION 1:SCHOOL INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

Cambridge International School (CISD) offers the internationally recognised National Curriculum for England and prepares students to take the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) courses, the Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and A Level Examinations of the Universities of Cambridge and London (UK), consistently producing results well above the UK national average, year after year. The school is an approved center for the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate and for London University.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Over the past 35 years, GEMS students have been accepted to 590 universities in 41 countries. Our students have won over 700 regional and international awards.

BUILDING AND FACILITIES

The school provides high quality, affordable education to students of all nationalities. The well-designed classrooms and vibrant campus are well suited to create the perfect creative blend so necessary for a multi-cultural setting that well suites learning and provides quality education that is the hallmark of GEMS schools.

Our additional facilities include a sports hall, outdoor football pitch, basketball court, cricket nets, swimming pool, and Science labs, ICT labs and library.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

School teams and clubs are established in basketball, football, cricket, badminton, swimming, and athletics, Eco, Arabic, French and ELL (English Language Learners). After school activities such as art and craft, clay modelling, performing poetry, gardening, jewellery making, debate, are also offered to engage the interest and enthusiasm of all students.

GEMS EDUCATION

CISD is part of the GEMS Education network, which has been in the education sector for over 50 years and has a global network of award winning international schools. The GEMS global network of award winning international schools provide a high quality, value based education learning to over 142,000 students from 151 countries, employing over 11,000 education professionals, specialists and staff from around the world.

Textbooks

At Cambridge International School, we plan and deliver creative, engaging lessons across all areas of the National Curriculum. In the Primary School, we do not use textbooks in the large majority of our subjects, including English, Maths and Science.

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MANDATORY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

Arabic (For Arabs and Non-Arabs)

Islamic (For Arabs and Non – Arabs) or PSHE (For non-Muslims)

UAE Social Studies (For Arabs and Non-Arabs)

English

Mathematics

Science

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CURRICULUM STRUCTURE:

All Grade 2 students at GEMS CIS will study the following courses:

Arabic A	6 classes a week
Arabic B	4 classes a week
Islamic / PSHE	3 classes a week
Social Studies for Arabs	1 class a week
UAE Moral, Social and Cultural Studies (non-Arabs)	1 class a week
Moral Education for Arabs	1 class a week

In addition to these compulsory courses, students also have an opportunity to study National Curriculum courses in:

Art (Specialist Teacher)	1 class a week
ICT /Computing	1 class a week
Music (Specialist Teacher)	1 class a week
Physical Education (Specialist Teacher)	2 classes a week

المواد الرئيسية

الصف : الثاني

اللغة العربية للطلاب الناطقين بها

القسم : اللغة العربية للناطقين بها

المعلم : سهام البلتاجي

المنهج : منهج اللغة العربية للطلاب العرب التابع لوزارة التربية والتعليم .

وفقا لوزارة التربية والتعليم يجب على كل الطلاب العرب دراسة اللغة العربية من الصف الأول حتى الصف الثاني عشر .

وصف المنهج :

يعتمد المنهج الوزاري لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة على أسس وطرائق التعلم العالمية لإكساب اللغات لأبنائها، وتأتي اللغة العربية على رأس أولوياتها بغروعه المختلفة، حتى يتمكن الطلاب من إتقانها ويكونوا قادرين على تطوير مهاراتهم اللغوية وجعلهم يقرؤون بصورة مستقلة، يحللون، يناقشون، يُبدعون، يبحثون.

وذلك من خلال تكيف الطالب مع عدد ساعات لتعلم اللغة العربية (275 دقيقة) في الأسبوع لطلاب الصف (2) وذلك حسب توجيهات الوزارة

- المهارات التي ينبغي على الطالب إتقانها لهذا العام حسب معايير الوثيقة الوطنية :

- مهارة الكتابة : أن ينتج المتعلم نصوصا متقدمة مع الانتباه للمحتوى والقواعد والإملاء و تحتوي على معلومات من مصادر متعددة .
- مهارة القراءة : أن يعرف المهارات الصوتية والتحليل الصوتي وجذور الكلمات وأن يقرأ مستقلاً بمستوى عال من الدقة والسرعة ويقرأ جملاً مظهرًا الغرض والفهم منها ويقارن دائماً بين النصوص المقروءة ويذكر الفكرة الرئيسية في نص معلوماتي متعدد الفقرات .
- مهارة الاستماع : أن يستمع بتركيز إلى نصوص متنوعة مراعيًا آداب الاستماع مظهرًا تقاعلاً مع المسموع ويناقش القضايا الشائعة من خلال التبادل المتعدد للأفكار حول معلومة أو مادة .
- مهارة التحدث : أن يتحدث دائماً عن خبراته أو يسرد قصة باستخدام لغة مجازية مناسبة مع ذكر التفاصيل باللغة العربية الفصيحة .

التقييم طرق التقييم هي كل من (اختبارات ، مشاريع كبرى ، عروض تقديمية) وتكوينية (مسابقات ، إملاء ، مناقشات ، لعب أدوار ، وأنشطة دراسية أخرى.

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ARABIC:

According to the Ministry of Education ruling, it is compulsory that students study Arabic from Year 1 to 9.

Course Description:

Arabic for Non - Arabs: This course is designed for non-native speakers and uses a communicative language approach. This approach focuses on the importance of making learning the language communicative and relevant to everyday life through utilising activities and topics that focus on the receptive skills mainly, listening and the productive skills mainly, and speaking. By focusing on those communicative skills we aim to produce learners who are "functional" in the language and who understand the nuances of the Arab culture they live in. In addition to that, students will learn to write from right to left Arabic script and alphabet. Students should start to read and write with a certain degree of fluency

What will students learn?

Arabic A Students receive 6 Arabic lessons a week (40 minutes each) whilst Arabic B students receive 4 lessons a week.

According to the framework for learning Arabic as an additional language:

YEARS OF STUDY	LISTENING	SPEAKING	READING	WRITING
Two Years	- The listener can recognize a number of words and common expressions in their context, and then understands them, including words derived from other languages. - The listener may understand more than one expression at a time, and may need repetition to do so.	- The speaker can communicate about very familiar topics using memorized words and expressions that are limited to the context in which the language was acquired. - The speaker can respond to direct questions using two or three words at a time, or using some memorized language. - The speaker frequently pauses as he searches for simple words, or he repeats the words and phrases of the person he is conversing with. He sometimes uses words from his mother tongue.	- The reader can recognize all letters of the alphabet in their different forms and placements in words. - The reader can recognize a number of words and expressions within context, including words borrowed from other languages. - The reader rarely understands more than a single sentence, and usually needs to reread.	- The writer can write a limited number of memorized words and phrases in a familiar context. He shows good accuracy when writing about several simple familiar topics. - The writer can fill out official forms with simple limited personal information.

Assessment:

Assessment methods are both summative (tests, major projects, and presentations) and formative (quizzes, dictation, discussions, role-plays, and other class activities)

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قسم التربية الإسلامية

رئيسة قسم التربية الإسلامية : لينا إسماعيل عبد السلام

المنهج : التربية الإسلامية الخاصة بالعرب

يجب على جميع الطلاب المسلمين دراسة مادة التربية الإسلامية وذلك طبقاً لقواعد وزارة التعليم.

وصف المنهج:

سيقوم الطلاب بدراسة حصتين للتربية الإسلامية في الأسبوع و سوف تكون المدة الزمنية للوحدة خمسة وخمسون دقيقة، كما ينقسم الطلاب في المرحلة الدراسية إلى قسمين: قسم التربية الإسلامية للعرب وقسم التربية الإسلامية لغير العرب .

ونأمل أن يكون كل طالب مسلم من طلاب مدرسة كامبردج الدولية فخوفاً بكونه مسلماً وأن تتكون لديه المعرفة الأساسية للدين الإسلامي، كما أن هدفنا هو أن يتعرف الطلاب المسلمون على العقيدة و الأخلاق الإسلامية والتي أكدها القرآن الكريم والسنة النبوية فيمكنهم حينها تطبيق ما تعلموه في مواقفهم الحياتية، كما نولي اهتماماً للمناسبات الدينية مثل عيد الفطر وعيد الأضحى حتى يدرك الطلاب أهميتهما.

سوف يقوم الطلاب بدراسة سيرة سيدنا محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم؛ فهو قدوتنا في الإسلام و سوف يستخلص الطلاب الدروس المستفادة من سيرته العطرة وتطبيقها في حياتهم.

سيتم توفير كافة المصادر اللازمة على مواقعنا التالية:

<http://islamic.cis-dubai.com/>

منهج التربية الإسلامية للطلاب العرب

يستند منهج كامبردج للتربية الإسلامية إلى المنهاج الدراسي الموصى به في دولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة والذي يهدف إلى تطوير المتعلمين فيما يلي:

- الوعي الكامل لمفاهيم (الإسلام) و(الإيمان) عن طريق ممارسات دينية متوافقة مع الواقع .
- الوعي بكيفية تغلغل القضايا الروحية والأخلاقية مثل (الإحسان) في الخبرات الحياتية والتي تتعلق بحياة الطلاب الخاصة.
- احترام التقاليد الدينية والثقافية لدولة الإمارات العربية المتحدة والعالم أجمع.
- تطوير المهارات العقلية كالبحث و التفكير الناقد لتمكين الطلاب من اتخاذ قرارات مستنيرة وخيارات صحيحة. وفقاً لتعاليم الدين الإسلامي الصحيح .

التقييم :

سيتم تقييم الطلاب من خلال التقييم المبدئي و التقييم الختامي و أيضاً من خلال ملاحظات المعلم - تلاوة و حفظ القرآن الكريم و تفسيره.

SECTION 2 : CORE COURSES

ISLAMIC:

Faculty:  Islamic

Course:  MOE Islamic curriculum (Arabs – Non- Arabs)

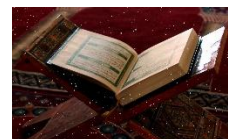


According to the Ministry of Education ruling, it is compulsory that Muslim students study Islamic studies.

Course Description:

Students receive 3 Islamic lessons a week (40 minutes each). We have two sections for each year group (Islamic for Arabs and Islamic for Non-Arabs)

We hope every Muslim student at CIS is proud to be a Muslim and learns the basic knowledge of the religion. Our aim is acknowledging all Muslim students regarding the pillars of Islam, the Islamic faith and morals and is able to efficiently apply to life. To increase the knowledge of Islam we share with students, the stories of prophets, manners of living in a Muslim's life. We also pay attention to the religious occasions such as Eid Al-fitar and Eid Aladha, so that students realise their importance and value. All the resources will be available in our website: <http://islamic.cis-dubai.com/>.



What will students learn?

Cambridge's Islamic Education Syllabus is based on UAE recommended Curriculum of study and aims to develop in learners the following:

- An understanding of the concepts of commitment (Islam) and faith (Imaan) in a religious tradition.
- An awareness of how spiritual and moral issues (Ihsaan) permeate life experiences and the manner in which those may relate to students' own lives.
- A respect for the diverse range of religious and cultural traditions in the UAE and the wider world.
- A range of investigative, critical and moral thinking skills to enable them to make informed choices and decisions

Assessment:

Student's assessment will include formative and summative evaluations. Informal assessments will include teacher observations, whole class and group discussions, oral recitation and daily coursework sheets. Formal assessments include projects, quizzes, tests, and oral testing for Qurán memorization and Suwar's meanings.



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MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL STUDIES:

Course: MOE UAE MSCS curriculum

According to the Ministry of Education ruling, it is compulsory that students study UAE Moral Social and Cultural Studies. Students receive 1 MSCS lesson a week (40 minutes each).

Course Description:

The purpose of Moral, Social and Cultural Studies is to develop a nation of responsible global citizens who possess moral values and a secure knowledge of past and present events, which they use to make well informed judgements and morally sound decisions.

Know, understand, and tolerate local and global Cultural differences from their own, understanding how they evolved and their past and present impacts on the world

Understand the governing institutions and their rights and responsibilities as global citizens living in the UAE
Develop a and sustainable lifestyle

Demonstrate loyalty and sense of belonging to the UAE community.

Work efficiently with physical and digital resources to construct evidence-rich oral and written professional discourse equipping for a career with lifeline learning.

What will students learn?

The Curriculum Framework provides a structure for the learning outcomes which make up Moral, Social and Cultural Studies.

1. **Moral Studies:** Developing the individual as a moral being. Developing the language, understanding and skills of moral thinking and reasoning. Applying moral thinking to the individual in a variety of social contexts, as well as to the development of others in their school, family and local communities.

2. **Social Studies:** Equipping individuals with a grounding in the common knowledge of the past, human geography, sociology, economics, information literacy and information processing to create an awareness of the commonality of humanity and to understand the value of lifeline learning.

3. **Cultural Studies:** Infusing individuals with knowledge of milestones of UAE national social, economic, and cultural development, heritage and national identity symbols, and the rights and responsibilities of living in the UAE as a global citizen.

The study will focus on the nine standards of Social Studies Framework and the four pillars of Moral Education

- ✓ Character and Morality: Developing the individual as a moral being. Developing the language, understanding and skills of moral thinking and reasoning.
- ✓ The Individual and the Community: Moral issues confronting the individual in a variety of social contexts. Applying moral thinking to the development of individuals as members of their communities.
- ✓ Civic Studies: Becoming a citizen in the UAE and wider world, and the moral decisions and choices that it involves. Developing character and moral thinking in the context of civic duty and responsibility.
- ✓ Cultural Studies: Concepts of morality embodied in the history and culture of the UAE. Applying moral thinking and reasoning to an understanding of an inherited past and shaping of the future.
- ✓ History: Significant people, events, developments that shaped communities and world regions in different periods. The effects of technological developments on societies and social change over time.
- ✓ Civics: Responsibilities and privileges of belonging to communities inside and outside of the UAE. The factors that shape nations and governing structures in the larger global community.
- ✓ Geography: Important features of the earth, including surface structures, national resources and climates. How human activities affect the earth and are affected by it.
- ✓ Sociology: How and why communities and societies are formed. Reasons for social change and social transitions across geographical regions and time periods.
- ✓ Economics: Economic principles, markets and systems. The role of government in developing national and international economies.
- ✓ Information Literacy: Identify and evaluate resources. Evidence to support claims using appropriate sources.
- ✓ Information Processing (Research): Collect data and information on various topics using a range of methods, including digital and technology-based applications. Work collaboratively. Prepare arguments and explanations, arrive at conclusions, and critique their own and others' conclusions.
- ✓ Moral Education: Demonstrate an awareness of moral principles to assist in ethical reasoning and decision-making based on fairness and tolerance.
- ✓ UAE Cultural, Heritage and Tolerance: Identify milestones of UAE national development and elements of its heritage. Explain the responsibilities and privileges of living in the UAE and demonstrate a sense of belonging to the UAE community

What will students learn?

- ✓ Unit 1 – Being Kind and Fair
- ✓ Unit 2 – My Family and Me
- ✓ Unit 3 – Community and the UAE
- ✓ Unit 4 – Being Caring and honest
- ✓ Unit 5 – Storytelling in the UAE
- ✓ Unit 6 – The UAE – Past and Present
- ✓ Unit 7 – Living in the UAE

Assessment:

Student assessment will include informal and formal assessment. Assessment will also include completion of homework, class participation, quizzes, oral presentations, discussions, role-plays, assignments and projects.

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ENGLISH:

Course: English National Curriculum – English

Course Description:

The overarching aim for English in the national curriculum is to promote high standards of language and literacy by equipping pupils with a strong command of the spoken and written word, and to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for enjoyment. The national curriculum for English aims to ensure that all pupils:

- read easily, fluently and with good understanding
- develop the habit of reading widely and often, for both pleasure and information
- acquire a wide vocabulary, an understanding of grammar and knowledge of linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language
- appreciate our rich and varied literary heritage
- write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style in and for a range of contexts, purposes and audiences
- use discussion in order to learn; they should be able to elaborate and explain clearly their understanding and ideas
- are competent in the arts of speaking and listening, making formal presentations, demonstrating to others and participating in debate
- What will students learn?

Year 2 students will be taught:

YEAR 2	READING	WRITING	GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY
	• apply phonic knowledge and skills as the route to decode words until automatic decoding has become embedded and reading is fluent • read accurately by blending the sounds in words that contain the graphemes taught so far, especially recognising alternative sounds for graphemes • read accurately words of two or more syllables that contain the same graphemes as above • read words containing common suffixes • read further common exception words, noting unusual correspondences between spelling and sound and where these occur in the word • read most words quickly and accurately, without overt sounding and blending, when they have been frequently encountered	• segmenting spoken words into phonemes and representing these by graphemes, spelling many correctly • learning new ways of spelling phonemes for which one or more spellings are already known, and learn some words with each spelling, including a few common homophones • learning to spell common exception words • learning to spell more words with contracted forms • learning the possessive apostrophe (singular) [for example, the girl's book] • distinguishing between homophones and near-homophones	• Formation of nouns using suffixes such as –ness, –er and by compounding [for example, whiteboard, superman] • Formation of adjectives using suffixes such as –ful, –less • Use of the suffixes –er, –est in adjectives and the use of –ly in Standard English to turn adjectives into adverbs • Subordination (using when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (using or, and, but) • Expanded noun phrases for description and specification [for example, the blue butterfly, plain flour, the man in the moon] • How the grammatical patterns in a sentence indicate its function as a statement, question, exclamation or command

• read aloud books closely matched to their improving phonic knowledge, sounding out unfamiliar words accurately, automatically and without undue hesitation • re-read these books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading. Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding by: • listening to, discussing and expressing views about a wide range of contemporary and classic poetry, stories and non-fiction at a level beyond that at which they can read independently • discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related • becoming increasingly familiar with and retelling a wider range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales • being introduced to non-fiction books that are structured in different ways • Recognizing simple recurring literary language in stories and poetry • discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary • discussing their favourite words and phrases • continuing to build up a repertoire of poems learnt by heart, appreciating these and reciting some, with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear • understand both the books that they can already read accurately and fluently and those that they listen to by: • drawing on what they already know or on background information and vocabulary provided by the teacher • checking that the text makes sense to them as they read and correcting inaccurate reading • making inferences on the basis of what is being said and done • answering and asking questions • predicting what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far • participate in discussion about books, poems and other works that are read to them and those that they can read for themselves, taking turns and listening to what others say • explain and discuss their understanding of books, poems and other material, both those that they listen to and those that they read for themselves.	• add suffixes to spell longer words, including –ment, –ness, –ful, –less, –ly Handwriting • Pupils should be taught to: • form lower-case letters of the correct size relative to one another • start using some of the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join letters and understand which letters, when adjacent to one another, are best left unjoined • write capital letters and digits of the correct size, orientation and relationship to one another and to lower case letters • use spacing between words that reflects the size of the letters. • Pupils should be taught to: • develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by: Writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional) • writing about real events • writing poetry • writing for different purposes • consider what they are going to write before beginning by: • planning or saying out loud what they are going to write about • writing down ideas and/or key words, including new vocabulary • encapsulating what they want to say, sentence by sentence • make simple additions, revisions and corrections to their own writing by: • evaluating their writing with the teacher and other pupils • re-reading to check that their writing makes sense and that verbs to indicate time are used correctly and consistently, including verbs in the continuous form • proof-reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation [for example, ends of sentences punctuated correctly] • read aloud what they have written with appropriate intonation to make the meaning clear.	• Correct choice and consistent use of present tense and past tense throughout writing • Use of the progressive form of verbs in the present and past tense to mark actions in progress [for example, she is drumming, he was shouting] Punctuation • Use of capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences • Commas to separate items in a list • Apostrophes to mark where letters are missing in spelling and to mark singular possession in nouns [for example, the girl's name]
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Assessment:

Student assessment will include informal and formal assessment. Assessment will include observation of class participation, oral presentations, extended writing, vocabulary, reading responses, and reading comprehension.

SECTION 2: CORE COURSES

MATHEMATICS:

Course: English

National Curriculum – Mathematics

Course Description:

The national curriculum for mathematics aims to ensure that all pupils:

- become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, including through varied and frequent practice with increasingly complex problems over time, so that pupils develop conceptual understanding and the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately.
- reason mathematically by following a line of enquiry, conjecturing relationships and generalizations, and developing an argument, justification or proof using mathematical language
- can solve problems by applying their mathematics to a variety of routine and non-routine problems with increasing sophistication, including breaking down problems into a series of simpler steps and persevering in seeking solutions

What will students learn?

In Year 2 students will be taught:

Number and Place Value

- count in steps of 2, 3, and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward
- recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones)
- identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line
- compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use $<$, $>$ and $=$ signs
- read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words
- use place value and number facts to solve problems.

Addition and Subtraction

- solve problems with addition and subtraction:
 - using concrete objects and pictorial representations, including those involving numbers, quantities and measures
 - applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods
- recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and derive and use related facts up to 100
- add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including:
 - a two-digit number and ones
 - a two-digit number and tens
 - two two-digit numbers
 - adding three one-digit numbers
- show that addition of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and subtraction of one number from another cannot
- recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems.

Multiplication and Division

- recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication ($\times$), division ($\div$) and equals (=) signs
- show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot
- solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts.

Fractions

- recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity
- write simple fractions e.g. $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of two quarters and one half.

Measurement

- choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$); capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels
- compare and order lengths, mass, volume/capacity and record the results using $>$, $<$ and $=$
- recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p); combine amounts to make a particular value
- find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money
- solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money of the same unit, including giving change
- compare and sequence intervals of time
- tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times
- know the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day.

Geometry - properties of space

- identify and describe the properties of 2-D shapes, including the number of sides and line symmetry in a vertical line
- identify and describe the properties of 3-D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces
- identify 2-D shapes on the surface of 3-D shapes, [for example, a circle on a cylinder and a triangle on a pyramid]
- compare and sort common 2-D and 3-D shapes and everyday objects.

Geometry - position and direction

- order and arrange combinations of mathematical objects in patterns and sequences
- use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement, including movement in a straight line and distinguishing between rotation as a turn and in terms of right angles for quarter, half and three-quarter turns (clockwise and anti-clockwise).

Statistics

- interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables
- ask and answer simple questions by counting the number of objects in each category and sorting the categories by quantity
- ask and answer questions about totaling and comparing categorical data

Assessment:

Student assessment will include informal and formal assessment. Assessment will also include completion of homework, class participation, quizzes, Mental Math tests, mathematical investigations, assignments, and projects.

SECTION 2: CORE COURSES

SCIENCE:

Course:  English National Curriculum – Science

A high-quality science education provides the foundations for understanding the world through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics.

Course Description:

The National Curriculum for science aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Learn basic science facts and concepts in biology, chemistry, and physics.
- Understand how science works by doing different types of experiments and investigations.
- Gain the knowledge needed to understand how science affects our lives now and in the future.

What will students learn?

Year 2 students will be taught:

Living things and their habitats

- explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive
- identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other
- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats
- describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food

Plants

- observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants
- find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy

Animals, including humans

- notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults
- find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)
- describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene

Uses of everyday materials

- identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses
- find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching

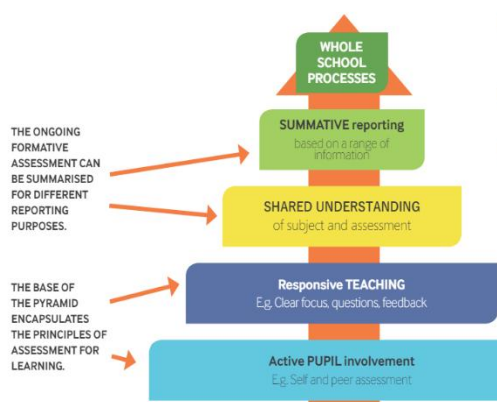
Working scientifically

To use the following practical scientific methods, processes and skills through the teaching of the programme of study content:

- asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways
- observing closely, using simple equipment
- performing simple tests
- identifying and classifying
- using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions
- gathering and recording data to help in answering questions

Assessment:

We use a wide range of assessment tools to support our on-going assessment of students learning in Science. Our in-class assessments allow us to plan our learning appropriately to meet the needs of our students. These types of assessments include pre-and post-thought showers to gauge progress from the beginning to the end of a topic, the completion of home learning tasks, class participation, quizzes, investigations, and projects. At the end of each unit/term the students will be assessed though an more formal assessment paper to capture where they are in the learning at that given point.



SECTION 3: [OBJ] FOUNDATION COURSES

ART:

Course: [OBJ] English National Curriculum – Art

Students broaden specified studio skills in the areas of drawing, painting, printmaking, and design. Emphasis is on the development of artistic skills in various media. Creative problem solving and experimentation continue, with an aim to begin development of personal style.

Course Description:

The national curriculum for art and design aims to ensure that all pupils:

- produce creative work, exploring their ideas and recording their experiences
- become proficient in drawing, painting, sculpture and other art, craft and design techniques

- evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design
- know about great artists, craft makers and designers, and understand the historical and cultural development of their art forms.

What will students learn?

Throughout Key Stage 2 (Year 2 - 5) students will be taught:

- to develop their techniques, including their control and their use of materials, with creativity, experimentation and an increasing awareness of different kinds of art, craft and design.
- to create sketch books to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas
- to improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials [for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay]
- about great artists, architects and designers in history.

Assessment:

Teacher observation, participation in class, sketchbook, and projects are used to assess students.

GEOGRAPHY:

Course: English National Curriculum – Geography

Students will be taught a wide range of skills from questioning to enquiry and thinking skills whilst looking at relevant and current Geographical topics and issues.

Course Description:

The national curriculum for geography aims to ensure that all pupils:

- develop contextual knowledge of the location of globally significant places – both terrestrial and marine – including their defining physical and human characteristics and how these provide a geographical context for understanding the actions of processes
- understand the processes that give rise to key physical and human geographical features of the world, how these are interdependent and how they bring about spatial variation and change over time
- are competent in the geographical skills needed to:
 - collect, analyse and communicate with a range of data gathered through experiences of fieldwork that deepen their understanding of geographical processes
 - interpret a range of sources of geographical information, including maps, diagrams, globes, aerial photographs and Geographical Information Systems (GIS)
 - communicate geographical information in a variety of ways, including through maps, numerical and quantitative skills and writing at length.

What will students learn?

Throughout Key Stage 1 (Years 1 - 2) students will be taught:

- Locational knowledge - extend their locational knowledge and deepen their spatial awareness of the world's countries using maps of the world
- Place Knowledge - understand geographical similarities, differences and links between places through the study of human and physical geography of a region
- Human and physical geography - understand how human and physical processes interact to influence, and change landscapes, environments and the climate; and how human activity relies on effective functioning of natural systems

- Geographical skills and fieldwork
 - use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied
 - use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language [for example, near and far; left and right], to describe the location of features and routes on a map; use symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps) to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world Geography
 - use fieldwork to observe, measure, record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

Assessment: Student assessment will include informal assessment

HISTORY:

Course: English National Curriculum – History

Students will understand the complexity of people's lives, the process of change, the diversity of societies and relationships between different groups, as well as their own identity and the challenges of their time.

Course Description:

The national curriculum for History aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Develop an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing of time.
- Know where the people and events they study fit within a chronological framework and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods.
- Use a wide vocabulary of everyday historical terms.
- Ask and answer questions, choosing and using parts of stories and other sources to show that they know and understand key features of events.
- Understand some of the ways in which we find out about the past and identify different ways in which it is represented.

What will students learn?

Throughout Key Stage 1 (Year 2), students will be taught:

- Changes within living memory, where appropriate, these should be used to reveal aspects of change in national life
- Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally (for example, the Great Fire of London)
- The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. Some should be used to compare aspects of life in different periods (for example, Florence Nightingale)
- Significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

Assessment: Student assessment will include informal assessment

ICT:

Course: ICT

Students will learn basic office productivity skills to be used in their core curriculum classes throughout the year. They will also focus on advancing their Excel skills. Students will create and edit web pages using the computer programming language HTML. They will study the basics of visual layout and design principles, appropriate fonts, etc

Course Description:

ICT is taught as a standalone subject and is integrated throughout the curriculum as a teaching tool.

Students today are using the immense power of digital media to explore, connect, create, and learn in ways never before imagined. With this power, young people have extraordinary opportunities, and yet they face potential pitfalls, too. Some issues faced includes cyberbullying, digital cheating, and safety and security concerns. These issues underscore the need for students to learn and for teachers to teach digital literacy and citizenship skills. So as to ensure our students are safe and secured online, we have embedded “Digital Citizenship” as part of our curriculum, using the curriculum designed by Common sense media. The link for the curriculum is <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/curriculum>.

What will students learn?

This scheme is taught discreetly. Pupils currently have 1 lesson of ICT per week where all curriculum strands are taught. In addition, ICT is regularly used by teachers throughout the school in their own subject areas further developing the knowledge and skills base of the students.

Assessment:

Students will be evaluated on a checklist of skills and on successful completion of projects using a rubric for the various programs being taught.

MUSIC:

Course: [OBJ] English National Curriculum – Music

Music is a universal language that embodies one of the highest forms of creativity. A high quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians, and so increase their self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement.

Course Description:

The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils:

- perform, listen to, review and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of the great composers and musicians
- learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument, use technology appropriately and have the opportunity to progress to the next level of musical excellence

- understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

What will students learn?

Throughout Key Stage 2 (Year 2 - 5) students will be taught:

- play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using their voices and playing musical instruments with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression
- improvise and compose music for a range of purposes using the inter-related dimensions of music
- listen with attention to detail and recall sounds with increasing aural memory
- use and understand staff and other musical notations
- appreciate and understand a wide range of high-quality live and recorded music drawn from different traditions and from great composers and musicians
- develop an understanding of the history of music.

Assessment:

Assessment is based on participation, self-evaluation, and assignments both written and played.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION:

Course: English National Curriculum – PE

A high-quality physical education curriculum inspires all pupils to succeed and excel in competitive sport and other physically-demanding activities. It provides opportunities for pupils to become physically confident in a way which supports their health and fitness.

Course Description:

The national curriculum for PE aims to ensure that all pupils:

- develop competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities
- are physically active for sustained periods of time
- engage in competitive sports and activities
- lead healthy, active lives.

What will students learn?

Throughout Key Stage 2 (Year 2 - 5) students will be taught:

- use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination
- play competitive games, modified where appropriate [for example, badminton, basketball, cricket, football, hockey, netball, rounders and tennis, and apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending
- develop flexibility, strength, technique, control and balance [for example, through athletics and gymnastics]
- perform dances using a range of movement patterns
- take part in outdoor and adventurous activity challenges both individually and within a team

- compare their performances with previous ones and demonstrate improvement to achieve their personal best.

Assessment:

The course is designed to test students' understanding of the material using a variety of assessment methods including skill performance tests, written tests and quizzes, in addition to daily points allotted for attendance and participation.

SECTION 4: ASSESSMENT

INTRODUCTION

Assessment Background

Assessment is an integral part of Teaching and Learning and is required to optimise all students' learning and teachers' teaching by providing a picture of progress and achievements and to identify the next steps to success.

The primary purpose of assessment is to improve students' learning and teachers' teaching as both respond to the information it provides. Assessment is an ongoing process that arises out of the interaction between teaching and learning.

Purpose of Assessment

The purpose of assessment is to collect information. In education, assessment occurs when a teacher collects information about students' skills, understanding, knowledge and attitudes. Teachers collect this information in numerous ways. Some methods are quite structured, such as examinations, tests, practical work and checklists. Others are unstructured, such as conversations, questionnaires, observation schedules and student self-assessment. Teachers use these procedures to build a profile of what the student knows, understands and can do. Each piece of information is used as an indicator and is woven into the profile of the student. The more information put into the profile, the more accurate it will be.

ASSESSMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Overview

- The purpose is to promote and monitor the progress of students via a comprehensive assessment and reporting system that records data on a centralised system, enabling management information to be analysed and reports produced for a variety of audiences.
- It is fundamental to our mission that we are open and clear when making judgements about students' progress. We believe that students and parents have an entitlement to assessment information through a precise, informative and understandable reporting system.
- This information should tell students and parents how progress is being monitored, what targets and support are required, what an individual's attainment is and how comparable this is in relation to his or her peers.

Student responsibilities

- Complete the prescribed work requirements in each subject area
- Complete all assessment tasks
- Maintain a good record of attendance, punctuality, progress, homework and effort

Staff responsibilities

- Develop a teaching programme that adheres to the CIS assigned curriculum
- Ensure assessments are fair, valid and reliable
- Maintain accurate records of student's achievement and assessment
- Meet school and external agency timeframes for assessment and reporting
- Inform students and parents of academic progress.



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National Curriculum CIS Point Scale

For internal assessments, Point Scores are used to track students' education at CIS from Year 1-9. Each level in a subject describes a set of knowledge, skills and understanding in that subject. Students are graded using the Point Score.

CIS - Point Scale				
Marks	Indicator by colour	Point Scale	IGCSE Grade	Descriptor
91 -100		9	A*	Student demonstrates both breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding of the topic/curriculum standard. Originality and insight are consistently evident.
85 - 90		8	A*	
80 - 84		7	A	Student demonstrates extensive knowledge and understanding of the topic using them effectively in a wide range of contexts. Originality and insight are generally evident.
77 - 79		6+	B+	Student applies a wide range of technique to exhibit his/her understanding of the topic and use abstract knowledge in a range of contexts.
74 - 76		6	B	
71 - 73		6-	B-	Student is able to apply and use knowledge and understanding in unfamiliar contexts. Analysis, synthesis and evaluation are occasionally evident. He/ She meets the expected curriculum standards.
68 - 70		5+	C+	
65 - 67		5	C	
62 - 64		4	C-	Student understands and relates to the topic using appropriate terminology. He/She applies and uses knowledge and understanding in familiar contexts.
59 - 61		3	D	
56 - 58		2+	D-	Student shows his/her developing knowledge and understanding of the topic. He/She begins to identify the different the ways in which the topic is represented and suggest answers relevant to the questions.
53 - 55		2	E	
50 - 52		2-	E-	
40 - 49		1+	F	Student shows his/her emerging knowledge and understanding of the topic. He/She begins to recognise and respond to the questions with the help of prompts and suggestions.
30 - 39		1	F-	
20 - 29		1-	G	
0 - 19			U	Ungraded

External Assessments at CIS

CIS takes part in The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4), and Progress Tests (PT English, Maths and Science), The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) and PASS.

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CAT4):

CAT4 assesses a pupil's ability to reason with and manipulate different types of material through a series of Verbal, Non-Verbal, Quantitative and Spatial Ability tasks. Together, these four tests provide teachers with a comprehensive profile of a pupil's reasoning abilities, and as such the core abilities related to learning.

The resulting data can then be used to identify a pupil's strengths, weaknesses and learning preferences, providing accurate and reliable information that is essential for personalised learning. The more we know about a pupil, the better position we should be in to offer a learning environment and ways of teaching and learning that allow pupils to maximise their potential. Information about a pupil's reasoning ability will be key to many decisions and is considered alongside attainment data and other factors known to impact on learning, such as attendance and attitude.

Progress Tests (PT)

These are nationally benchmarked assessments. They will be used year-on-year to support teachers at CIS in identifying current levels of attainment and monitoring progress. The group of tests reflects the English National Curriculum as well as the other UK curricula, making it up-to-date and highly relevant. In Year 2 the students sit the Progress Tests in English and Maths.

NGRT

The New Group Reading Test (NGRT) is a standardised assessment to measure reading skills of students aged 5-16 years against the national average. Through a variety of exercises, NGRT can assess students' knowledge of phonics, comprehension, decoding ability, vocabulary, grammatical knowledge, deduction and inference skills, authorial intent, and ability to deal with figurative and idiomatic language (depending on the age of the student and test selected). Tasks include sentence completion, passage comprehension and phonic exercises. NGRT tests not just the ability of students to decode what they read, but also to comprehend and apply meaning. This assessment is conducted three times throughout the year.

PASS

Students respond to a series of statements about school and learning. These correspond to nine factors proven to be linked to educational goals: feelings about school, perceived learning capability, self-regard, attitudes to teachers, general work ethic, attitudes to attendance, preparedness for learning, response to curriculum demands, and confidence in learning. This assessment is conducted twice a year to monitor the students wellbeing.

SECTION 5: REPORTING

REPORTING TO PARENTS

Reporting Overview

The aims of reporting:

- Reports should provide parents with an accurate picture about pupils' achievements and progress, in clear and accessible language
- Reports should reflect attainment and achievement within the National Curriculum
- Reports should be based on evidence from formative assessment and recording
- Reports should be manageable for teachers to produce
- Reports should have a positive effect on pupils' attitudes and motivation
- Reports should support pupils' learning by setting targets
- The reporting process should provide opportunities for pupil involvement
- The reporting process should be part of a continuing dialogue with parents and encourage parental involvement and support

Direct contact between Staff and Parents:

- **Parent Coffee Morning** – Parents are invited to come into school or meet online with senior leaders to discuss any areas of learning regarding their child's progress.
- **Parent Teacher Meeting** – six times during the school year, for parents to meet with classroom teachers and discuss progress, attainment, effort and attitude to learning.
- **Pulse Calls** – You will receive a call from the class teacher every 4-6 weeks to discuss their progress.



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