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The Essentials Curriculum

Threshold Concepts for long-term memory

What is the Essentials Curriculum?

It is the new teacher friendly curriculum from Chris Quigley that sets out essential:

- coverage
- threshold concepts
- standards

It covers the full spectrum of subjects and abilities.

How can we track progress?

Depth of Learning is a bespoke tracking system for the Essentials curriculum. For a demo and a quotation please contact us on 01207 279 500.

How does Essentials link to the national curriculum?

Essentials meets and exceeds the standards in the national curriculum.

It provides progress measures for **all subjects** and includes personal development and spoken communication.



Where do the milestones come from?

They are based on the standards in the national curriculum programmes of study.

Why do milestones cover 2 years instead of one?

We believe that learning takes time and that some children take longer than others to achieve.

We also wanted the focus for progress to be DEPTH of learning rather than just quantity.

Milestones will be met initially to a basic level, working towards a deep level. We believe deep learning takes time.

The milestones do, however, meet all of the standards of the curriculum.

How is assessment carried out?

Assessment materials are provided, including advice for assessing progress in Years 1, 3 and 5.

Does it cover the Computing curriculum?

Essentials covers all subjects. The Computing curriculum is particularly easy to use especially for the non-expert. It has simple and clear progression measures for coding – one of the areas of most concern for teachers.

There are no level descriptors in the curriculum. How does essentials map out progress?

Essentials uses common threshold concepts for all year groups. Each threshold concept has 3 milestones for progress.

Milestone 1 is the expectation for the end of Year 2
Milestone 2 is the expectation for the end of Year 4
Milestone 3 is the expectation for the end of Year 6.

Can all staff access the curriculum, even at home?

Essentials comes with a website where all text can be copied and pasted into planning. As it is web based it works on iPads, other tablets and desktop or notebook computers.

The standard licence covers fifteen users. Additional user licences are available.

Is it suitable for pupils with special needs?

For children who require extra support we have the Pebbles Curriculum.