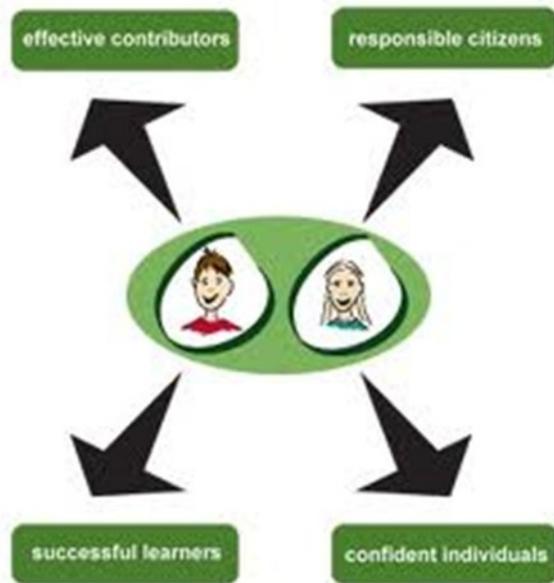


A Curriculum for Excellence:
The curriculum framework
for 3-18

Active Learning underpins the emerging developments in schools relating to “A Curriculum for Excellence.”



Parents As Partners

To discuss Active Learning further, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance or the Head Teacher.

If you would like to know more about the Curriculum for Excellence and Active Learning Visit the Learning and Teaching Website on:

www.Itscotland.org.uk/assess

www.parentzonescotlan.gov.uk

www.itscotland.org.uk/parentsaspartnersinlearning

www.acurriculumforexcellencescotland.gov.uk

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What Is Active Learning?

Active learning in Primary 1 involves children using their thinking, language, practical and movement skills to actively in meaningful experiences and activities to enhance their learning.

It helps children adopt a positive attitude to school and enable them to become:

- ◇ Successful learners
- ◇ Confident individuals
- ◇ Responsible citizens
- ◇ Effective contributors

These are the four capacities embedded within 'Curriculum for Excellence' which is the new framework for education.

What does Active Learning aim to do?

Active learning in our schools aims to:

- ◇ Make the transition between Nursery and Primary 1 as smooth as possible.
- ◇ Ensure continuity of learning experiences and environment.
- ◇ Provide enjoyable as well as challenging learning experiences for children where they are actively engaged throughout the day.

Moving from Nursery to Primary 1

There are induction meetings to Gourrock Primary School where parents can meet their children's new Primary 1 teacher. During these meetings parents will also have an opportunity to find out more about Active Learning.

This will enable your child and their teacher to get to know each other.

What might an Active Learning environment look like?

The set up of the classroom will depend on the available resources and space in the classroom.

However the classroom set up will encourage the continued development of your child's skills, interests and independence. This will include the use of imaginative and interesting resources which stimulate curiosity, challenge, investigation and creativity.

All aspects of the curriculum can be explored outside and where possible your child will continue learning in an outdoor environment.



Making Progress in Primary 1

Existing maths and language programmes will continue to be taught. The emphasis now will be on delivering these programmes in a more active way to take account of different learning styles.

Learning experiences and activities will encourage children to make links across different areas of the curriculum and use their skills in new situations. This will lead to faster self confidence and independence.

How can I help my child?

There are many ways that you can help your child as he or she makes the transition from Nursery to Primary 1. Your child's primary 1 teacher will be able to suggest ways for you to support your child's learning. Some of these ways might involve:

- ◇ Collecting/donating resources
- ◇ Making resources
- ◇ Volunteering to assist with outdoor activities
- ◇ Sharing interests and expertise
- ◇ Homework activities
- ◇ Attendance at parent information meetings
- ◇ Become involved in the Parent Council