A step towards curriculum growth If not us, then who?

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A discussion about curriculum provision



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WHAT CONTENT?

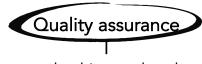
If there is to be a reduced curriculum offer, then you'll need to prioritise



- time
- subject
- knowledge
- vocabulary



- tasks and types of practice
- retrieval activities
- returning to content though spacing quizzing
- remember and connect



- looking at books
- talking with pupils
- subject feedback and assessment

AUTUMN 2020 - WHAT CURRICULUM?

English			Maths
Science	Art and Comp Design and Geogr Hist Mu R.I	uting Technology raphy ory fL sic	P.S.H.E P.E. Behaviour Participation



School / Year group / Class discussion

What knowledge or study can't be left out? Why? l What cross-curricular connections are possible through English and maths? l Is it possible to do less of

s it possible to do less of some things? Why?



DEFINE THE TIME YOU HAVE

Set out a strategic plan for allocated time for each year group

What subjects will you prioritise? English | Maths | Science | P.S.H.E | P.E... and...

BROAD AND BALANCED

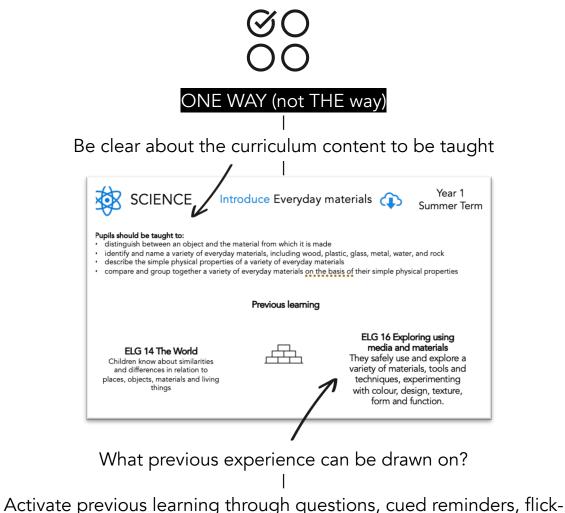
If we have a directive, we need to make sure the curriculum is LESS, BUT EQUAL.

Y2	AM	PM 1.00 – 3.15 (break 10 mins)		
Mon	English and Maths Reading and Phonics	2.15		2.15
Tue		1.0	1.15	2.15
Wed		1.0	1.15	2.15
Thur		1.0	1.15	2.15
Fri		2.15		2.15
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If there is to be a reduced curriculum offer, then we need to focus on essential content.



e previous learning through questions, cued reminde back techniques or retrieval practice.



WHAT SEQUENCE?

Selecting the essential content and sequencing is important.

Here is an example of the full learning sequence

	Introduce Everyday materials
Suggested lesson	Learning question
1	What are materials?
2	What are things made of in school?
3	How can I describe materials?
4	Which materials are waterproof, and which are not?
5	Which materials are transparent, and which are opaque?
6	What's the best material for the job? Why?

If we had to reduce the sequence because of necessary priorities, what content would you choose?

How would you choose the content?

What ways would you go about choosing the content?





Don't leave it to chance, personal preferences or luck – use a system

To keep it consistent, you could use Shimamura's approach around knowledge acquisition:















	Introduce Everyday materials	 Pupils should be taught to: distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock
Suggested lesson	Learning question	describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials
1	What are materials?	· compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical prope
2	What are things made of in school?	Start by looking at how the knowledge connects and think about how to teach that using examples and non examples.
3	How can I describe materials?	
4	Which materials are waterproof, and which are not?	Categorise specific materials – transparent and opaque.
		Bring the concept of waterproofing into working scientifically.
5	Which materials are transparent, and which are opaque?	1
6	What's the best material for the job? Why?	
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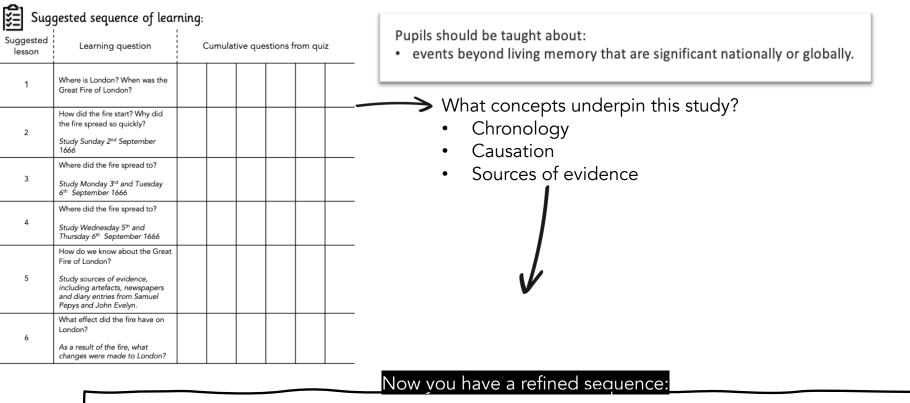
Now you have a refined sequence:

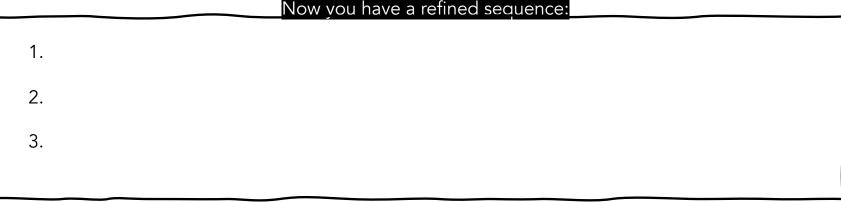
- What are materials and where do we find them in school? (Retrieve and Categorise)
- What materials are transparent, and which are opaque?
- What materials are waterproof and what's the best material for the job?

(Categorise and compare)

(Categorise, compare and contrast)

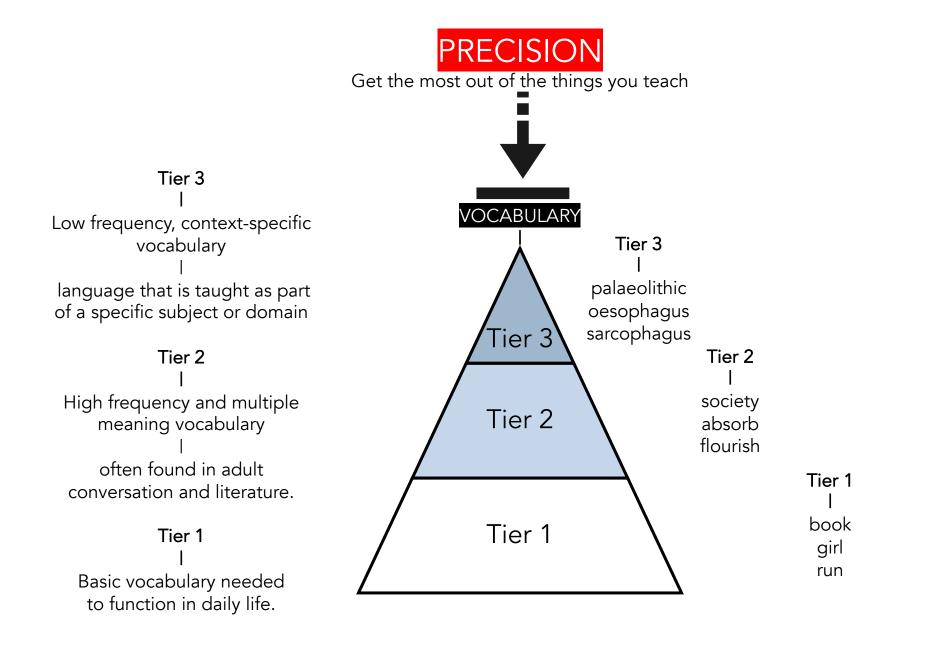








Breakout Rooms





WORKING ON THEM NOW – formally available SPRING 2021

Teacher guides for explicit vocabulary instruction

	Prior vocabo	ulary knowle	edge	
Words		Roots, p	Roots, prefixes, suffixes and spelling rules	
anticlockwise, thermometer , clockwise hemisphere, parallel		anti, meter, wise, hemi, para		
	Vocabulary for	explicit inst	ruction	
Tier 2 multip	le meaning or high frequency	e	Tier 3 subject specific	
co-ordinate	each of a group of numbers used to indicate the position of a point, line or plane	latitude	regions with reference to their temperature and distance from the equator	
parallel	two or more lines that are parallel to each other are the same distance apart at every point to discover the facts about something; to calculate something exactly	longitu	the distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich meridian, measured in degrees	
		horizor	flat and level; going across and parallel to the ground rather than going up and down	
determine		vertical	going straight up or down from a level surface or from top to bottom in a picture	
circumnavigate	sail or travel all the way around something e.g. the world	meridia	one of the lines that is drawn from in the North Pole to the South Pole or	
constitutes	be (a part) of a whole		a map of the world	
straddle	extend across both sides of	equato	an imaginary line around the earth a r an equal distance from the North and South Poles	

Etymology and morphology for explicit instruction

Prefix / Suffix / Root	Meaning	Examples
para	beside, near	parallel, parameter, parachute
circ(um)	around, round	circle, circumference, circus, circuit
vert	turn	covert, invert, vertical
lat	broad, wide	latitude, lateral, dilate

Relevant idioms and colloquialisms			
Put it on the map	to make something widely known and acknowledged.		
	Moving beyond	>>>	
intersect, solar, lunar,			
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What purpose does this task serve?

(Ask yourself this before planning tasks)



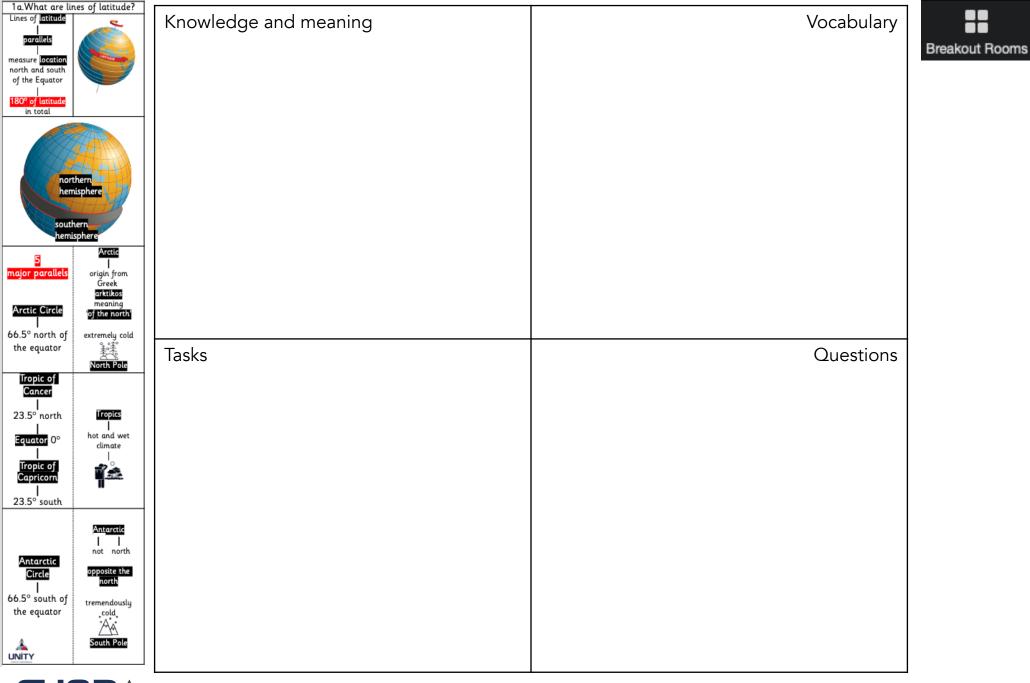
What are children learning?

- What previous learning?
- What knowledge?
- What vocabulary?

How will they remember?

- vocabulary
- practise (oracy, rephrasing, remembering)
- recording (speaking, reading, writing)
- revisiting
- questions and quizzing









Don't forget PE



Don't forget lots of reading opportunities

Alex will point those using CUSP towards what to cover from Summer units, during the Autumn/Spring to enable that learning to be built upon.

The Reading/Writing tasks within CUSP units will start in January, following CPD late Autumn.

We will have arrangements for Art training in the next week and the new curriculum being written will follow the initial training which will take place in October (date to be confirmed)

To confirm - Kapow is in the curriculum map to enable schools to teach effective or better computing. However, some schools may have less confident teachers, and in those year groups a computing lead may need to adjust the Kapow unit to one written by Nick Templeton.



Not for now I pages to get start thought provoking discussions with staff





PROFESSOR ARTHUR SHIMAMURA'S A WHOLE-BRAIN LEARNING APPROACH FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS



We need to be motivated to use energy to keep focused on the learning process. Designed well, motivation can be intrinsic to learning, for example, by generating curiosity, framing new material as a quest to answer big questions, organising ideas within a wider schema, story-telling and asking the 'aesthetic question': "What do you think? How does it make you feel? Why is it good?" "The aesthetic question engages emotional brain circuits and forces us to attend to and organize our knowledge."



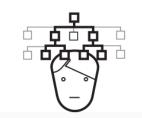
Academic learning is a 'top-down' activity whereby we consciously attend to the information needed to build our schema from all the stimuli we're exposed to. This is hard so 'mind wandering' is common and teachers need to expect it. Ideally students will consciously attend to the learning goals and consciously make connections - but sometimes an instructor needs grab attention, acting as their students' prefrontal cortex to direct their top-down processing.

Download the full document at:

teacherhead.com https://shimamurapubs.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/marge_shimamura.pdf

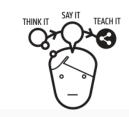


Shimamura offers numerous biological insights about how we store and connect information through memory consolidation. The practical strategies include deploying elaborative-interrogative questioning – asking how and why – using mental images, analogies, constructing concept maps as schematic representations of sets of connected ideas and training students to make notes organised in hierarchical structures.





Shimamura suggests: "Think it, say it, teach it! These are the simplest things to do to improve your memory". He details multiple ways in which our memories are strengthened when we generate information from our memory, not simply restating it but using our own words. If we tell someone what we've learned we can improve our memory by 30-50%. Explained in terms of brain functions, Generate reinforces the widely known retrieval practice concept.





This is the territory of metacognition with a nice metaphor of the prefrontal cortex acting as the conductor of the orchestra of brain functions. There's a problem with the illusion of knowing when we are familiar with information even when we cannot fully recollect it. We stop trying to learn more if we kid ourselves into thinking we already know it. Students should, therefore, be taught to check their understanding using spaced retrieval practice, generating information by explaining their learning to others as a form of self-test.





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One of the essential components that complements our recovery curriculum will be the focus on vocabulary.

"If words convey meaning, then we need to teach more than word recognition – we need to make rich associations with language."

AVOID

Just providing words in a list or overwhelming pupils with a vast bank of language.

DO MORE OF THIS: Decode and define.

Use and apply in context.

Associate and link with connected words.

Deconstruct

by teaching word origin, etymology, morphology, roots, prefixes and suffixes.



WHEN CONTENT IS NEW OR UNFAMILIAR

cognitive science tells us that **discovery learning is NOT** the most effective method to use

free and unstructured play to acquire new knowledge I using discovery learning to acquire new content

pupils left to find new information out from a wide range of sources



HIGH COGNITIVE LOAD ON THE WORKING MEMORY LACK OF PRECISION AND VOCABULARY LACK OF CLARITY LACK OF MEANINGFUL PRACTICE

(As pupils become more knowledgeable, skilful and fluent then there is a place for the expert-reversal effect)











Pupils are cognitively and actively engaged. Pupils socially and emotionally invest in learning.

Participation is higher when:

- Relationships are consistent, positive and respectful with all adults.
- Social environments are low threat. Views are valued and put downs are not tolerated.
- Interesting content is taught.
- Prior knowledge is factored in.
- The physical environment is conducive to engagement. (not distracting)

Participation is lower when:

- Pupils have negative attitudes.
- Parents support pupils' negative attitudes.
- Teaching is weak and disorganised.
- Pupil self-esteem is low.
- Environments are disorganised and unwelcoming.
- Expectations are low





"The process by which individuals influence which emotions they have, when they have them, and how they experience and express their feelings. Emotional regulation can be automatic or controlled, conscious or unconscious.

Gross et al, 1998

If we know self-regulation is learnable, then we must teach it.

- Least help first
- Modelling and regulation of our own emotions.
- Co-regulation: warm and responsive relationships
- Empathy to acknowledge emotions
- Talk about emotions:
- Teach impulse control through games
- Breaking the continuum with space and relaxation through mindfulness practice

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