

Cornerstones Curriculum 22

English overview

Cornerstones English planning is based on the national curriculum for English. It has good coverage of the English curriculum across each year, with a strong focus on reading, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation, while allowing teachers the flexibility to create their own planning on Maestro for discrete areas of the curriculum.

English packs

In the curriculum, each geography and history project is accompanied by an English pack. The English packs aim to give teachers flexible suggestions for delivering their English curriculum in each of the Engage, Develop and Express stages of a project. The packs are intended to ignite children's interest in English, expose them to rich, challenging texts and give them the opportunity to write across a range of genres that link to their learning across the curriculum.

The English packs are based on a rigorous, progressive framework of skills. They include ideas for teachers and high-quality, language-rich resources, such as planning frameworks, checklists and model texts across a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry genres that match the age-related expectations for each year group.

Book and novel studies

Along with the English packs, each geography and history project comes with either a book study in KS1 or a novel study in KS2. The suggested books and novels are age-appropriate, engaging and challenging. Each comes with comprehension questions and a detailed mark scheme, which focus on the reading content domain. This means children can practise the core reading skills using questions that mirror the end of key stage assessments.

Each study comes with a book or novel organiser, which gives an overview of the text and provides useful information about literary devices, the author, characters, settings and plot.

Book lists

Book lists are included with each Curriculum 22 project. Book lists enable teachers to quickly resource their classrooms with a range of relevant and challenging fiction and non-fiction texts.

Cross-curricular opportunities

The Cornerstones Curriculum aims to raise children's literacy levels through its teaching of other subjects to meet the national curriculum objective that all children should be able to 'read fluently, and with confidence, in any subject' by the end of primary school. For this reason, one of Curriculum 22's core strengths is its commitment to providing a wide variety of ambitious texts to support children's depth of knowledge in the foundation subjects. Alongside the texts, the opportunity for children to record and respond to their learning through a variety of genres, such as explanations, reports and recounts, is integral to the wider aim of raising their literacy skills throughout the whole curriculum.