Supporting school improvement in Scotland
We have been listening to you, and you’ve told us about the key issues facing you in the year ahead:

✓ Embedding clear assessment and steps to success
✓ Encouraging children to read for pleasure
✓ Closing the attainment gap
✓ Raising standards in writing
✓ Problem solving in mathematics

This short guide brings together the best resources and support to help you address these needs and meet the requirements of the Curriculum for Excellence.

You can also find a wealth of advice and support on our dedicated website for schools in Scotland:

www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/scotland
Don’t just track progress... make sure it happens!

Whether you are looking for a ‘ready-made’ assessment solution, or the advice and tools to help you develop your own, Oxford is here to support you.

Whole-School Assessment

School Improvement Pathways provides the structure, the research and the resources to drive improvement forward in your school – in an easy-to-use online system.

Developed by educational experts and practitioners, each Pathway helps you address a different school improvement issue by taking four key steps – audit, strategic planning, take action and evaluate impact.

Use specific Assessment Pathways:
- Assessment without levels
- Assessment for Learning

To find out more about a School Improvement Pathways subscription, visit www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/oxfordowl

Subject Area Assessment

Oxford Primary English Assessment

Assessment handbooks that give schools everything they need to ensure consistent teacher assessment of reading and writing.

Test of Basic Arithmetic and Numeracy Skills

Assess children’s fluency in number using standardised scores – an accurate and highly reliable tool for P4-8.

High quality resources with in-built assessment

Deliver your teaching using our range of resources that are proven to work:

Track progress in phonics

Assess wider reading skills and match children with the right books

Support for consistent assessment of writing

Support teacher assessment with our market leading Maths resources

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Raising standards in literacy for every child

Read Write Inc., developed by Ruth Miskin, provides a structured and systematic approach to teaching literacy. It is used by more than a quarter of the UK’s primary schools and is designed to create fluent readers, confident speakers and willing writers. Comprehensive training is available for all Read Write Inc. programmes in order to support teachers and ensure consistent practice across your school.

“I don’t think our children would be reading if it wasn’t for Read Write Inc. Fresh Start. All of our children are now more confident and this has an impact across the curriculum.”

Marise Harte-Carroll, Principal Support for Learning Teacher, St Paul’s RC Academy Dundee

For P1 – S2
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Resources
Phonics
A comprehensive literacy programme designed to get all of your infants reading and writing by the end of P2.

Literacy and Language
A creative writing, comprehension and spoken language programme for P3-P7.

Spelling
A complete spelling programme for P3-P7 that embeds impressive spelling skills in just 15 minutes a day.

Fresh Start
An intervention for P5-S2 that rescues pupils who are below age-related expectations, using a proven phonics-based approach.

Next steps
Visit www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/readwriteinc
Call 01536 452610 to make an appointment with your local educational consultant
Go to page 15 for information on Professional Development
Share the adventure, see the impact!

*Project X* is a whole-school reading and writing programme that can help you teach the full range of reading skills effectively to raise standards for every child. Including structured guided reading, finely levelled independent reading, proven reading intervention and an exciting and engaging writing programme.

“**All the children love the books and story lines and some previously disengaged readers are now fully switched on to reading.**”

Head Teacher, Carrick Knowe Primary School, Edinburgh

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**Resources**

**Project X Phonics**
40 appealing and fully decodable books that can be used alongside any phonics teaching programme.

**Project X Origins**
Everything you need to deliver effective guided reading with embedded assessment and updated teaching support aligned to the Curriculum for Excellence.

**Project X Alien Adventures**
120 exciting and finely levelled independent reading books and eBooks for P1-P7 to build children’s confidence and ensure they make progress.

**Project X CODE**
Proven reading intervention which embeds systematic synthetic phonics within a motivating character adventure to transform reading for struggling readers.

**Big Writing Adventures**
The exciting digital writing programme for Project X. Find out more overleaf.

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**Next steps**
Visit [www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/projectx](http://www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/projectx)
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“**I wandered lonely as a cloud and other poems**”

Tony Bradman

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Big Writing Adventures is fantastic. You can just pick it up and go - it’s very easy to follow and both boys and girls love it.

Miss Ashlene Ennis, Year 3 Teacher, Brookside Primary School

On a mission to raise standards in writing!

Big Writing Adventures is an exciting and engaging solution for improving children’s writing based around Ros Wilson’s popular Big Writing methodology. This whole-school writing programme puts purpose and audience at the heart of learning. The programme includes an online subscription and printed teaching resources for teaching writing from P1-P7.

Benefits

• A structured teaching sequence to help you successfully deliver the writing curriculum including grammar, punctuation and vocabulary skills.
• An engaging online writing world in which a range of characters – including the well-loved Project X characters – present children with exciting writing ‘missions’.
• Assessment support linked to Ros Wilson’s fully updated Writing Criterion Scale to help you assess, monitor and evidence pupil progress.

Next steps
Visit www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/bwa
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For P1 – P7
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Kate Sutcliffe, Deputy Head, Nessfield Primary School

The UK’s number one reading programme has taught millions of children to read... and to love to read. Rooted in reading for pleasure and with systematic phonics at its heart, Oxford Reading Tree’s well-loved characters, breadth and unrivalled support give you everything your children need to become confident readers.

For P1 – P3
- Embedding clear assessment and steps to success
- Encouraging children to read for pleasure

Resources
- Floppy’s Phonics Fiction and Non-fiction
  A series of decodable Biff, Chip and Kipper stories and non-fiction titles for phonics practice and reinforcement.
- Biff, Chip and Kipper Decode and Develop
  96 new phonically based Biff, Chip and Kipper adventures, designed to support children as they start to become independent readers.
- inFact
  72 distinctive non-fiction titles and interactive eBooks to inspire, inform and intrigue your children as they begin their independent reading journey.
- Story Sparks
  36 emotionally engaging stories to fire the imagination and develop comprehension skills.

Next steps
Visit www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/oxfordreadingtree
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Help your juniors make real progress in reading

With the biggest collection of quality levelled books, TreeTops is guaranteed to encourage all children to read for pleasure. Written by best-selling authors, your juniors are sure to find books they will love, with text they can read and subjects they can understand.

“It’s great to find a junior reading programme with books that children really enjoy reading.”

Angela Pedley, Ince C of E Primary School

Next steps
Visit www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/treetops
Call 01536 452610 to make an appointment with your local educational consultant
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For P4 – P7
✓ Embedding clear assessment and steps to success
✓ Encouraging children to read for pleasure

Resources

Greatest Stories
A rich series of 35 timeless stories, handpicked by top author Michael Morpurgo, to provide children with a fascinating route into the world of classic literature.

inFact
35 powerfully engaging non-fiction titles, edited by the fantastic children’s science presenter Greg Foot, to take your juniors beyond fact-finding.

Chucklers
35 hilarious novels, short stories, anthologies and comics, edited by the brilliant Jeremy Strong. Guaranteed to make reading a pleasure for even the most reluctant reader.

Fiction
A whole world of books waiting to be discovered, so every child will find the perfect read.
Focused teaching for mastery of all the core English skills

*Nelson English Skills* provides targeted resources for the key skills of grammar, spelling, handwriting and comprehension. Designed to help all children become confident readers and communicators with careful progression and plenty of differentiation throughout to provide support and stretch for the varied abilities of your children.

“An absolutely brilliant resource... Something for all ability groups.”

Review from the TES Primary Forum

Next steps
Visit [www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/nelson](http://www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/nelson)
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For P1 – S2

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- Raising standards in writing

Resources

**Nelson Grammar**
Embed the essential grammar skills with full coverage of the grammar curriculum for P2-7, presented in small easy-to-manage steps.

**Nelson Spelling**
Implement a whole-school policy for the teaching of spelling, including differentiated extension and homework activities.

**Nelson Handwriting**
A whole-school approach to teaching handwriting with full coverage of the technical aspects of writing as well as fun activities to bring handwriting skills to life.

**Nelson Comprehension**
Step-by-step teaching of the key comprehension strategies your children need to be successful readers of a wide range of texts.

NEW EDITION

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Support your children’s grammar, punctuation and spelling

Oxford dictionaries and thesauruses are compiled by children’s language experts, supported by a unique database of 200 million words of real children’s language (the Oxford Children’s Corpus), and are tested in schools like yours.

"Of all the books in the world that aid the learning process, a thesaurus is one of the most useful ... I think the Oxford thesauruses would make a great choice."

John Dabell for Teach Primary

Benefits

- Easy to use – simple clear layouts.
- Easy to understand – age appropriate entries written by language experts.
- Easy to enjoy – contemporary 3D illustrations, photographs and line drawings.
- With Oxford there is a dictionary and a thesaurus for every key age group in line with their development and language needs.

Next steps

Visit www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/dictionaries
Call 01536 452610 to make an appointment with your local educational consultant
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Building a secure future in mathematics

Numicon has problem-solving and conversation at its heart, and perfectly embodies the aims of the Curriculum for Excellence. With research-based resources for P1 to P7 including support for intervention, rigorous assessment, as well as NCETM-accredited professional development, Numicon provides all you need to create confident mathematicians throughout your school.

“Numicon has transformed the way I teach maths.”
Mary Jalland, Teacher, Westquarter Primary School, Falkirk

Benefits

- Exemplifies the principles of maths mastery with concrete apparatus and imagery to help children to grasp abstract mathematical concepts and embed deep understanding.
- Comprehensive planning, teaching and assessment tools help you to raise the achievement of every child in maths.
- Developed from years of classroom experience, and proven to work for children of every age and ability.
- Ensures every child meets end-of-year expectations with robust and reliable assessment tracking.
- Numicon Big Ideas - a catch up programme for P7-S1, providing 40 minute sessions over a flexible 12-week period.
- Numicon Pupil Books - independent practice with in-depth, open questioning to challenge pupils.

Next steps
Visit www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/numicon
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For P1 – S1
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The biggest difference has been for the lower ability children, who have not only risen in confidence, but have boosted their engagement and understanding.

Laura Darley, Assistant Head Teacher, Parklands Primary School

Inspire Maths is a transformational, whole-school primary maths programme based on the leading Singapore Maths series My Pals Are Here, used by almost 100% of Singapore’s state primary schools. The series has been developed with leading UK experts and correlated to UK curricula including the Curriculum for Excellence. Face-to-face professional development helps to deliver sustained improvement in your school.

Next steps
Visit www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/inspiremaths
Call 01536 452610 to make an appointment with your local educational consultant
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For P1 – P7
✓ Embedding clear assessment and steps to success
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✓ Problem solving in mathematics

Benefits
• Built on the proven approach to teaching maths in Singapore, recognised globally as one of the most impactful ways to teach and learn maths.
• A highly-scaffolded textbook approach that enables all children to develop critical thinking skills, make mathematical connections and become confident mathematicians.
• The concrete-pictorial-abstract approach ensures deep understanding of mathematical concepts.
• Comprehensive opportunities for formative and summative assessment are integrated throughout.
Children are actually enjoying doing their homework and are even reminding teachers if they forget to set it!

Ingrid Gardner, Numeracy Subject Leader, Our Lady’s Catholic Primary

MyMaths is an interactive online teaching and homework subscription service that helps to engage children in maths and consolidate their maths knowledge. MyMaths develops children’s skills, confidence and fluency through lessons, homework tasks and games. Each interactive lesson is paired with an online homework to assess understanding.

Benefits

• Homework marked instantly, freeing your time for reviewing progression and planning next steps.
• Primary subscription content stretches up to Second Year, allowing you to stretch and challenge your juniors.
• Comprehensive, easy-to-use assessment manager provides in-depth analysis of learning inside and outside of the classroom.
• Easy to use alongside any other maths resource to help achieve mastery.
• Provides a link between school and home, encouraging parental engagement.
• Secondary school subscription (S1-S6) also available.

Next steps
Visit www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/mymaths
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Your toolkit for outstanding leadership

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A toolkit of resources supports you step by step and can be shared with your whole school, including a growing library of professional development videos – helping you continue to develop a motivated and effective teaching staff.

“I have been in education for over 30 years and have been waiting for this for a long time.”

Rachel Crouch, Head Teacher, St Nicholas’ Primary School

Next steps
Find School Improvement Pathways on Oxford Owl. Register for free at www.oxfordowl.co.uk to try a Pathway and watch a selection of videos from our Professional Development & Best Practice library.
Find the professional development that will work for your school

Whatever school improvement issues you’re focusing on, we can put you in touch with the right professional development options. From in-school training and consultancy, to central courses, online videos and practical INSET reports, all developed with leading independent experts, there’s something to suit every need.

Above all, we have a firm belief that professional development should:

- be much more than an isolated day of ‘tips and tricks’
- be part of a sustained school improvement programme
- benefit the whole school – not just one person
- be delivered by the best-in-class independent experts
- be integrated with proven pedagogy, best practice and high quality resources
- be about practical application – not just theory.

“Engaging and enabled me to reflect on my own practice.”

Register for free at www.oxfordowl.co.uk
Next steps…

Make an appointment with your local Educational Consultant.

- Discuss the exact requirements for your school.
- Get a demonstration of resources.
- Find out more about schools using Oxford resources and how to contact them.

Contact your Educational Consultant using their contact details below or call 01536 452610 to make an appointment.

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