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Every child should be given the best start in life we can offer them.

The National Attainment Challenge makes an important commitment to closing the poverty-related attainment gap. Careful planning and whole-school approaches can help achieve targeted improvement in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.

We can help you:

• Plan targeted interventions to ensure all children make strong progress in reading, writing and numeracy
• Encourage children to read for pleasure and become life-long learners
• Embed best practice across your school and engage parents in the challenge

This short guide brings together the best resources and support to help you satisfy the requirements of the Curriculum for Excellence and meet the attainment challenge.

More support and advice is available on our website www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/scotland

You can also register for free access to resource-specific support and curriculum guidance at www.oxfordowl.co.uk
Improves children’s oral language skills and supports reading comprehension

A 20-week language intervention programme for children in their first year of primary school who show weakness in their oral language skills and who are therefore at risk of experiencing difficulty with reading.

- Developed by a team of academic experts and underpinned by evidence demonstrating a positive impact on children.
- Includes professional development training.
- Comes with a comprehensive pack of resources to help with planning, teaching and assessment.

Next Steps
Find out more about *Nuffield Early Language Intervention* and how it can benefit your school.

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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 designed to create fluent readers, confident speakers and willing writers.

Each *Read Write Inc.* programme meets the expectations of the Curriculum for Excellence and uses effective assessment to accelerate every child’s progress.

Comprehensive training is available for all *Read Write Inc.* programmes to ensure consistent practice across your school.

What impact has *Read Write Inc.* had on schools in Scotland?

*Read Write Inc. Phonics* is used by all 35 of Dundee’s primary schools, and *Read Write Inc. Fresh Start* by nine of its secondary schools. Prior to adopting *Read Write Inc.* each school in the city was using a different approach to teaching literacy and the education department felt that progress in literacy could be improved. They chose to implement *Read Write Inc.* with comprehensive training from Ruth Miskin Training in schools throughout the city. Progress in reading and writing throughout the city has improved greatly.

**Ardler Primary School, Dundee**

*Read Write Inc. Phonics* has provided a consistent approach to teaching reading across the school and children’s experiences have improved significantly. Staff and children now have a clear structure and with increased staff confidence, the pace of learning and teaching is improving. This is evident in children’s word reading skills. Progression in phonics development is now clear at an earlier stage. Children show an interest in books and there has been an increased use of a wider range of texts.

**St Paul’s RC Academy, Dundee**

“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 — they perform better and are more willing to learn in all subjects.

On average, children made two years’ progress in eight months using the Test of Word Reading Efficiency. 12 of the 38 students have now graduated from the *Fresh Start* programme.”
Reading and writing right from the start

*Read Write Inc. Phonics* is a comprehensive literacy programme for children in P1–3, but can also be used to catch struggling children in P4–5.

- Includes integrated comprehension, writing, grammar, spelling, vocabulary and handwriting.
- Ensures every child participates in the lesson with partner work, role-play and drama.
- Develops children’s knowledge of traditional tales and poetry.
- Provides simple assessment, clear tracking and straightforward grouping so every child learns rapidly at the right level.

Rescue your struggling readers and writers

*Read Write Inc. Fresh Start* gets your children in P5–S2, who are below age-related expectations, reading and writing in as little as 33 weeks.

- Uses a proven synthetic phonics-based approach.
- Engages older children with age-appropriate and contemporary stories, quizzes and comic strips.
- Accelerates progress with finely levelled modules and effective assessment.
- Supports EAL pupils with an emphasis on comprehension.

*Ruth Miskin Training* provides comprehensive training for all *Read Write Inc.* programmes, which:

- Transforms literacy outcomes in the most disadvantaged communities.
- Tailors training around your staffing requirements.
- Provides a coaching model in line with Scottish Teaching Standards.
- Shares professional development across groups of schools building Teacher Learning Communities.
- Secures whole-school consistency of approach across authorities.

Find out more at ruthmiskin.com or call 01275 331230.
Addressing the gender gap in literacy

*Project X* is a modern, whole-school reading and writing programme specially developed to motivate boys and address the gender gap in literacy.

Across *Project X* you will find ...

- Research-based programmes, written by experts, designed to help every child succeed
- Highly motivating books and interactive resources – perfect for engaging boys
- Extensive planning tools – freeing up time to teach
- Clear assessment to track the progress of individual pupils
- Over 700 free activity sheets and a wealth of CPD films to help your budget go further.

What impact has *Project X* had on schools in Scotland?

“*The variety of fiction and non-fiction titles appeals to all learners especially boys; the follow up work ensures understanding at all levels.*”

Arna Redden, Deputy Head, Gretna Primary School, Dumfries and Galloway

“*Project X* engages learners by using a variety of methods to communicate with them such as the animated clips, picture cards and text. The resources are comprehensive and help learners with deconstructing the whole process of writing.”

Whitehills School, Aberdeenshire

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

Head Teacher, Carrick Knowe School, Edinburgh

“These books are an ‘Xcellent’ tool for developing reading skills and link informative non-fiction books with fun and exciting stories.”

Mr Chris Dickson, Teacher P5/6 pupils, St John the Baptist Primary, Uddingston, South Lanarkshire
A proven reading intervention

*Project X CODE* is a proven reading intervention for children who are a year or more behind in their reading.

- Combines phonics and comprehension development in a motivating character adventure series to accelerate struggling readers’ progress.
- Includes 14 entry and exit points to cater to every child’s exact needs.
- Provides structured in-book support and specialist face-to-face training from Edge Hill University.

Comprehension success in 10 weeks

*Project X Comprehension Express* is a whole-class teaching programme that teaches 10 essential comprehension strategies based on research.

- Structured into 10-week stages that fit alongside usual classroom practice.
- Reduces planning time with 30 ‘pick up and go’ lesson plans.
- Provides face-to-face specialist training and best practice videos for all activities.

Consistent and effective guided reading

*Project X Origins* provides everything you need to deliver effective guided reading sessions. Developed by comprehension experts, it helps every child reach higher standards.

- Motivates children with action-packed adventures and fantastic characters.
- Broadens reading choices – making clear links between fiction and non-fiction.
- Provides a new way to explore challenging texts using graphic novels.
Enriching early reading experiences

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.

"Parents have commented how children, who have been reluctant to read at home, are now eagerly getting their books out of their bags and asking to read."
Kate Sutcliffe, Deputy Head, Nessfield Primary School

Floppy’s Phonics Sounds and Letters
Structures and rigorous synthetic phonics programme for teaching children to read with their favourite characters.

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.

Traditional Tales
Fully decodable retellings of key stories from around the world – perfect for introducing your children to our literary heritage.

Explore with Biff, Chip and Kipper
Encourage children’s reading journey across fiction and non-fiction with these new topic-linked pairs that support your wider curriculum.

Biff, Chip and Kipper Classic Stories
Perfect for talk, language development, comprehension and confidence building. Millions of children worldwide have learned to love reading with these much-loved stories.

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 free the imagination and develop comprehension skills.

All Stars
Inspiring age-appropriate fiction to ensure your higher-level readers reach their potential.

Snapdragons, Fireflies and Glow-worms
Encourage all your children to read for pleasure with this selection of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.
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.

Greatest Stories
Timeless stories from our rich literary heritage, handpicked by top author Michael Morpurgo.

inFact
Powerfully engaging new non-fiction titles to take your juniors beyond simple fact-finding.

Chucklers
A variety of funny novels, short story collections, comics and anthologies from series editor Jeremy Strong.

Myths and Legends
Well-loved folk and traditional tales from around the world.

Graphic Novels
A series of action-packed, picture-based novels.

Classics
Must-read classic titles specially adapted by well-known children’s authors.

Time Chronicles
Magic Key chapter books starring children’s favourite characters Biff, Chip and Kipper.

Fiction
Over 120 engaging stories from top children’s authors.

Non-Fiction
A set of intriguing titles, exploring a wide range of topics.

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

Angela Pedley, Ince C of E Primary School
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.

“Absolutely fantastic – I would definitely recommend using it…”
Naomi Kirk, Nursery Hill Primary School

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**Nelson Grammar**
Embed the essential grammar skills with full coverage of the grammar curriculum for P2-P7, presented in small easy-to-manage steps.

**Nelson Spelling**
Implement for 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.
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 real children’s language (the Oxford Corpus), and are tested in schools like yours.

- Easy to use – simple, clear layouts and guidance for teaching dictionary skills.
- Easy to understand – written by language experts, with age-appropriate entries and examples.
- 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.

“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
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.

- 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 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 has transformed the way I teach maths
Mary Jalland, Teacher, Westquarter Primary School, Falkirk

Numicon Professional Development

Numicon PD is delivered by our team of expert consultants across the UK.

Find the right level for you:

- **Discover** - Regional workshops and courses (1–2 days)
- **Implement** - Design your own whole-school INSET and consultancy programme (2–4 days)
- **Develop** - Ongoing tailored consultancy support (flexible)
- **Refresh** - New staff, new curriculum, new school improvement focus

Find out more at [www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/numicon-pd](http://www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/numicon-pd) or call 01865 353735.
**What impact has Numicon had on schools in Scotland?**

**North Lanarkshire:** Along with two partner authorities, North Lanarkshire Council use Numicon in many of their primary schools to support children with their numeracy and maths development.

“A bright, colourful, multi-sensory resource which facilitates children’s understanding and enjoyment of maths through structured imagery which plays to their strong sense of pattern and colour. Numicon has it all. The resource can be adapted to suit all ages and stages of learners from Nursery through to Second Level. Less colourful tiles are also available for ASN children or learners who are too cool for bright colours…I have yet to meet a P7 who has protested at using bright tiles!

We have now trained hundreds of staff from early years, primary, secondary and special educational establishments. Training for support staff and ASNAs is in place and training for parents has been provided through our recent North Lanarkshire Learning Festival.

The results speak for themselves with some of our most deprived learners having their light bulb moments and building firm foundations to their success in number and beyond. Some of our teaching staff say that Numicon has transformed their own thinking and that their teaching has changed for the better.”

Tracey McCulloch, Principal Teacher, Education Support Officer – Numeracy and Mathematics, North Lanarkshire Council

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**New Numicon resources**

**Pupil Books**

Full-colour books of rich questions for independent work. Designed to improve fluency, deepen understanding and provide extra challenge.

**Interactive White Board**

A flexible teaching tool that allows you to manipulate and use a wide range of apparatus, create models, set up questions and save your screens for future use.

**Big Ideas**

A catch-up programme focusing on the key concepts children need to master, with pre- and post assessments to ensure provision is appropriate and progress is made.

Research-based guidance from Dr Steve Chinn ensures that sessions are effective.
**Inspire Maths**

*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.

- 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.

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**MyMaths**

*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.

- 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.
Your toolkit for outstanding leadership

A School Improvement Pathways subscription 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.

Find out more at: www.oxfordowl.co.uk

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.

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 that benefits 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.

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“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
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