

Literacy and Numeracy Framework

The Welsh Government has been making some quite important changes to the education system in Wales. One of the major changes is the **Literacy and Numeracy Framework**, which you may have heard about in the press.

The Framework is a planning tool that builds on the work the school has been doing in recent years to raise standards in literacy and numeracy. It clearly shows the expected standards we should be striving for our pupils to achieve.

We use the Framework to set work which improves each pupil's literacy and numeracy skills. The Framework makes raising standards in these essential skills a priority. The skills are taught initially in English and maths lessons then pupils are given the opportunity to practise these skills in a number of subjects across the curriculum. As pupils become more proficient in these skills they are given more challenging tasks.

We also use the Framework to assess pupil progress in these skills. By comparing a pupil's work against the expectations set out in the Framework, we are able identify next steps in their learning supporting them in improving their literacy and numeracy skills.

Opportunities are available for you to discuss your child's progress during our parents' evenings, where you will also be able to ask any questions you may have about the Literacy and Numeracy Framework. In the meantime, use the links at the bottom of this page for specific information on both literacy and numeracy, including guidance on how you can support your child's progression in both of these areas.

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To help you choose the right books for your child's age click on the 11+ and 14+ on

lovereading4kids.co.uk
best-books-for-kids.com/reading-to-teenagers

Download the Welsh Government's Literacy and Numeracy Framework, together with a guide for Parents from on iTunes or go to learning.wales.gov.uk/resources/nlnf

For teen reading and being read to try:

readtomeintl.org/reading-to-teens.html
school.familyeducation.com/teen/reading/40617.html

For the benefits of Reading in general try:

literacytrust.org.uk
readingagency.org.uk/news/reading-facts003

or search on www.gov.uk for the UK government's report called Research evidence on reading for pleasure

For further information the following website has some really good ideas to include numeracy in a wide variety of everyday activities.

National Numeracy Parent Tool kit <http://www.nnparenttoolkit.org.uk/>

Click on the links to the right to see specific information on Literacy and Numeracy within your child's year group:

Improving Numeracy at KHS

The National Literacy and Numeracy Framework (LNF) was introduced in September 2013 to support children aged 5 to 14 to develop their literacy and numeracy skills. Numeracy describes the use of number, measuring and data skills, and the ability to identify and use these skills to solve everyday problems.

Every child in Wales will take numeracy tests on an annual basis to make sure they are making good progress. There are two kinds of numeracy tests, a procedural and a reasoning test. The procedural test measures number, measure and data skills.

In preparation for these tests in May all pupils in KS3 have sat a procedural test which they will bring home to make you aware of their progress. Please can you sign the test and give it to your child to return to their Maths teacher. Areas for improvement will be identified and addressed in weekly numeracy lessons. Intervention will be offered where necessary.

To support your child at home you can use **MyMaths** or **Mathswatch**. These are computer learning environments. All students have usernames and passwords. It would be helpful if you could check that your child has these pieces of information and encourage them to use the site regularly for revision, preparation and homework.

Further information on the tests can be found on www.learningwales.gov.uk