The “Big Picture” of the Curriculum at Key Stages 1 & 2

The Northern Ireland Curriculum aims to empower young people to achieve their potential and to make informed and responsible decisions throughout their lives.

**CURRICULUM AIM**

**TO DEVELOP THE YOUNG PERSON AS AN INDIVIDUAL**
- personal understanding
- mutual understanding
- personal health
- moral character
- spiritual awareness

**TO DEVELOP THE YOUNG PERSON AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO SOCIETY**
- citizenship
- cultural understanding
- media awareness
- ethical awareness

**TO DEVELOP THE YOUNG PERSON AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO THE ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT**
- employability
- economic awareness
- education for sustainable development

**INFUSING**

**COMMUNICATION**
- Managing Information
- Working with Others

**USING MATHEMATICS**
- Thinking, Problem Solving, Decision Making

**USING ICT**
- Self-Management

**CROSS-CURRICULAR SKILLS**

**THINKING SKILLS & PERSONAL CAPABILITIES**

**ACROSS**

**AREAS OF LEARNING**

**INCORPORATING**

**ASSESSMENT FOR LEARNING**

**PROMOTING / ENCOURAGING**

**LEARNING EXPERIENCES**

**FOSTERING**

**ATTITUDES AND DISPOSITIONS**

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**
- self-confidence

**CONCERN FOR OTHERS**
- curiosity

**COMMITMENT – DETERMINATION – RESOURCEFULNESS**
- community spirit

**OPENNESS TO NEW IDEAS**
- flexibility

- tolerance

- integrity – moral courage

- respect

- varied to suit learning style

- on-going reflection

- enquiry based

- offers choice

- active and hands on

- relevant and enjoyable

- media-rich

- skills integrated

- links between curriculum areas

- building a more open relationship between learner and teacher

- clear learning intentions

- shared / negotiated success criteria

- individual target setting

- taking risks for learning

- advice on what to improve and how to improve it

- peer and self assessment

- celebrating success

- peer and self evaluation of learning