

Welcome to the International Primary Curriculum



What is the IPC?

- **A philosophy** (what we believe)
- **A pedagogy** (an approach to teaching and learning)
- **A process** (which honours how children learn best in this age group)

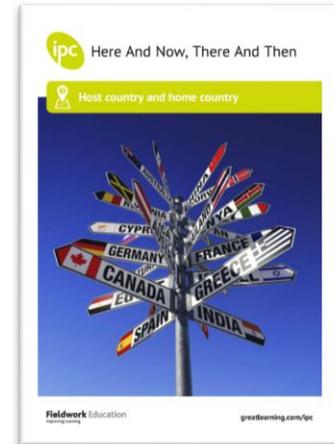
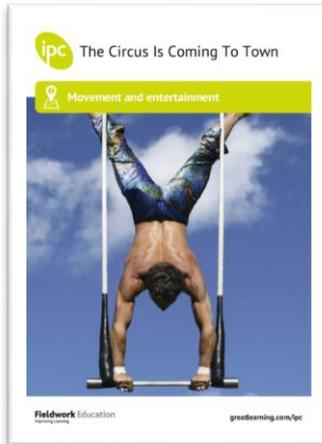
Our philosophy, pedagogy and process are aimed at **improving children's learning.**

- Includes over 130 thematic units
- Taught in over 90 countries
 - International schools
 - UK state schools and academies
 - Dutch national schools
 - Special Education schools
 - Shell schools
 - British Schools of America



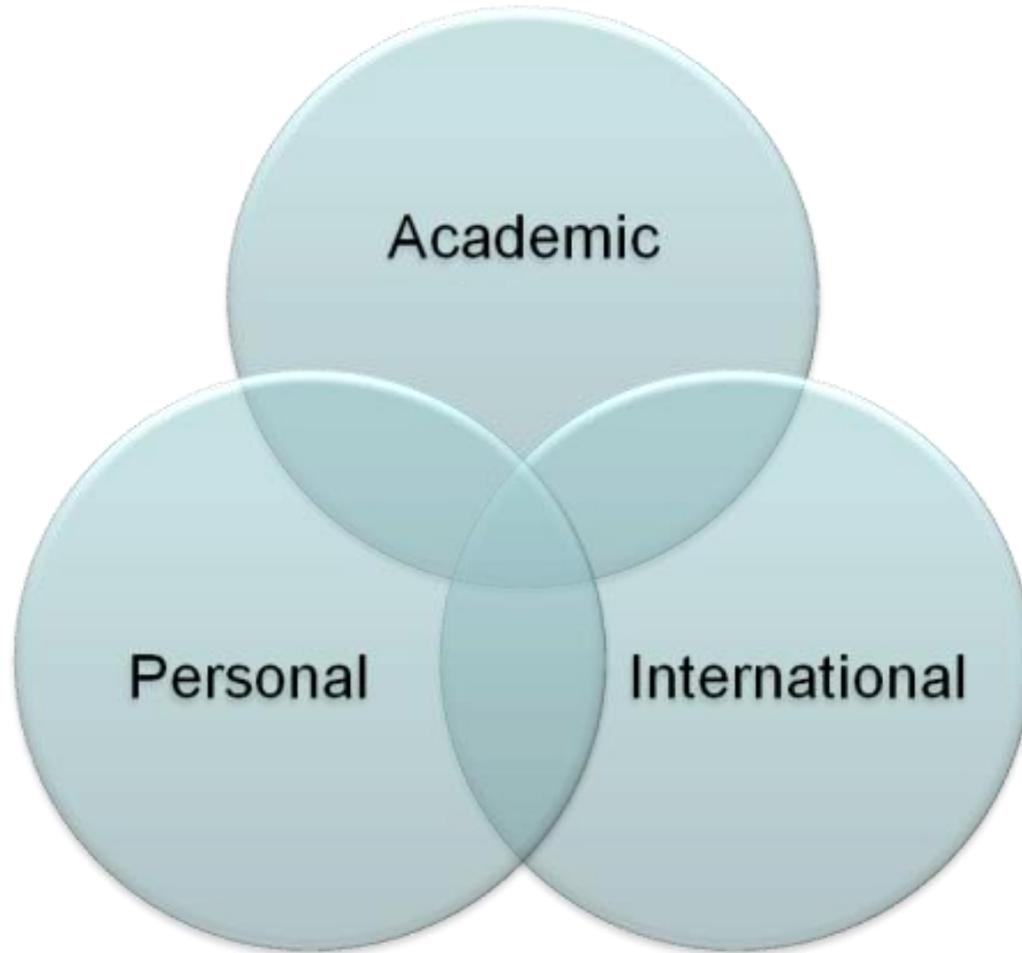
The Programmes

- Main Programme:
 - Milepost 1 (5-7 years)
 - Milepost 2 (7-9 years)
 - Milepost 3 (9-12 years)
- Assessment for Learning Programme
- Specialist Skills Programmes (Art, Music, PE, ICT & Computing)



The IPC **extends** knowledge, skills and understanding, **develops** personal attributes and **supports** an international perspective in a way that **responds** to revised ideas about learning.

Types of Learning



The IPC **Subject Learning Goals** are the foundation on which the IPC was built. The learning goals cover the knowledge, skills and the understandings that children will develop.

| Knowledge | Skills | Understanding |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| What children will know | What children will be able to do | What children will understand |

The IPC **Personal Learning Goals** underpin each unit – they represent the attributes that we believe children will find essential in the 21st Century. They help children to develop those qualities that will enable them to be at ease with the continually changing context of their lives.

Enquiry

Communication

Thoughtfulness

Adaptability

Cooperation

Resilience

Respect

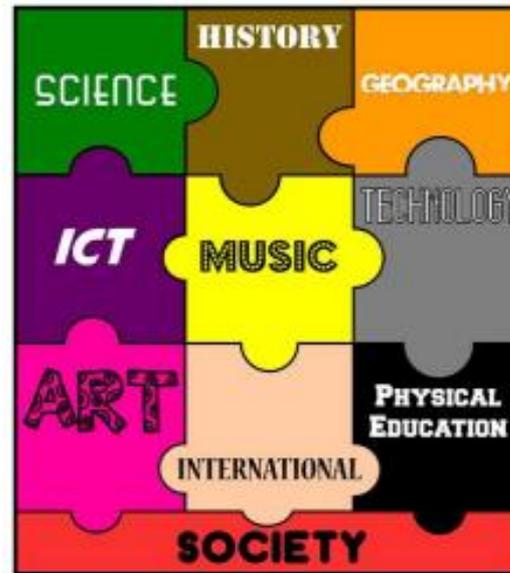
Morality

The IPC's **International Learning Goals** help children begin the move towards an increasingly sophisticated national, international, global and intercultural perspective and develop a sense of 'international mindedness'.

Each unit has embedded within it, across the different subjects, learning-focused activities that help children start developing a global awareness and gain an increasing sense of themselves, their community and the world around them, as well as inspiring positive action and engagement with global issues.



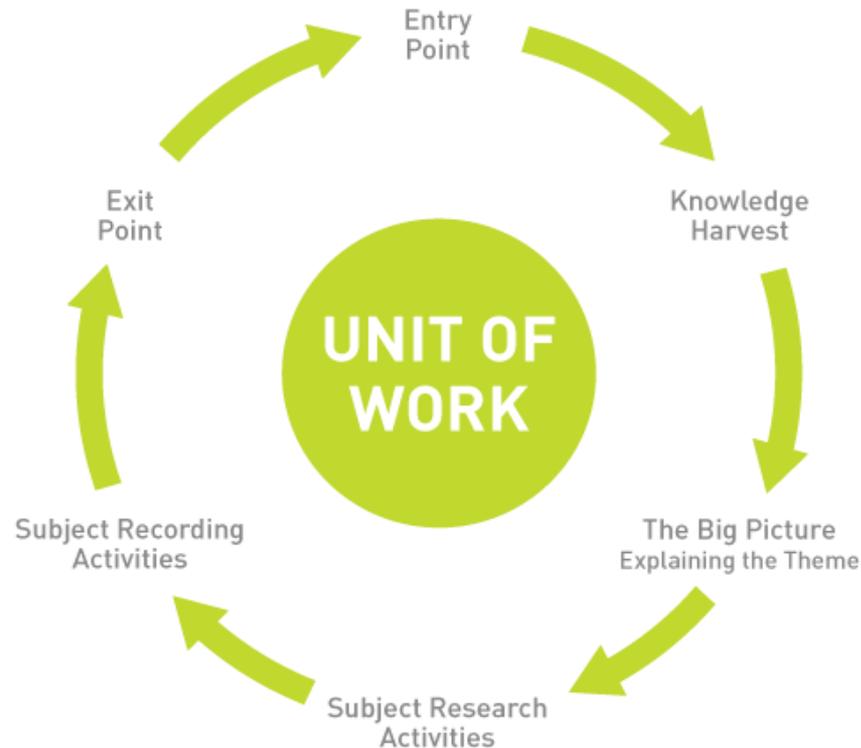
- Art
- Geography
- History
- ICT
- Language Arts
- Mathematics



- Science
- PE
- Technology
- Music
- Society
- International

Our units are organised around a theme, which helps children to see how subjects are both ‘independent’ and ‘interdependent’ enabling them to see ‘the big picture’ of their learning, make connections through and across different subjects, and talk about a theme from multiple perspectives.

The IPC Process of Learning



There is a distinct learning process with every IPC unit, providing a structured approach to make sure that children's learning experiences are as stimulating and rigorous as possible.

Entry Point

- Wow factor!
- Motivation for learning – the hook
- Inspire learning through passion for the theme
- Makes learning fun



The Magic Toymaker
– Milepost 1



Chocolate unit – Milepost 2

Circus Unit – Milepost 1



Investigators – Milepost 3

Explaining the Theme

- Gives children the 'big picture' of their learning
- Shared with parents at the start of a unit to help support the learning at home

IN Geography

You will
Working in groups and making posters!

- Be researching about Thailand and its tsunamis, Japan and earthquakes, India and living on the river banks, Egypt in the city
- You will learn how habitats are affected by their location
- How they sustain and protect their habitats against natural disasters!



IN SCIENCE

You will

- Carry out investigations

Know about the processes and conditions that have an effect on living things and their habitats.

Know about the living things that are supported by different environments

Know about ways in which animals and plants are suited to different environments

You will design a safe enclosure for an animal at the zoo with a special alarm!



HABITATS

ENTRY POINT

IN ART

You will
Learn about the first ever art forms!

You will carry out cave men style art using natural materials such as Chalk, turmeric, charcoal, Saffron, Grass, Mud etc!



You will!

Go on a nature walk around the school and hunt for any wildlife/ insects/ minibeasts and their habitats!

You will decorate your classroom into 5 different habitats! You will draw and paint animals for each different habitat!

We are enquiring about a trip to **LONDON ZOO!!**
Watch this space!



IN History

You will
Learn about your local area and the changes that have happened! And become local HISTORY detectives!!

You will compare Cheam Village today and 100 years ago!



Researching and Recording



Each IPC unit has a research activity and a recording activity. **Research activities** always precede the recording activities. During research activities, children use a variety of methods and work in different group sizes to find out a range of information.

During the **recording activities**, children interpret the learning they have researched and have the opportunity to demonstrate, share and explain their learning in different ways.



Exit Point – when the learner becomes the teacher!



Mission to Mars - Milepost 3

The exit point has two main purposes: to help children pull together their learning from the unit and to celebrate the learning that has taken place.



Pictures, Paintings and Photographs - Milepost 2

It isn't enough to assume that children are learning. We need some way of measuring improvements in learning.

Our programme supports teachers in assessing, and children in self-assessing, their progress with key skills from the IPC Learning Goals. It provides:

- specific skills assessment for Mileposts 1, 2 and 3
- a system that provides learning advice
- a rubric (success criteria) for teachers and children
- tracking through **beginning, developing** and **mastering**

Sample Teacher Rubric



| Beginning | Developing | Mastering |
|--|--|---|
| <p>The child can make a simple map or plan with some identifiable features in pictorial form.</p> <p>The features are not in their correct relative positions.</p> | <p>The child independently produces a map with three or more identifiable features in correct relative positions.</p> <p>Features may be shown as pictures or symbols.</p> | <p>The child independently produces a map with most features in the correct position relative to one another.</p> <p>They use symbols rather than pictures to identify features and may include a simple key.</p> |

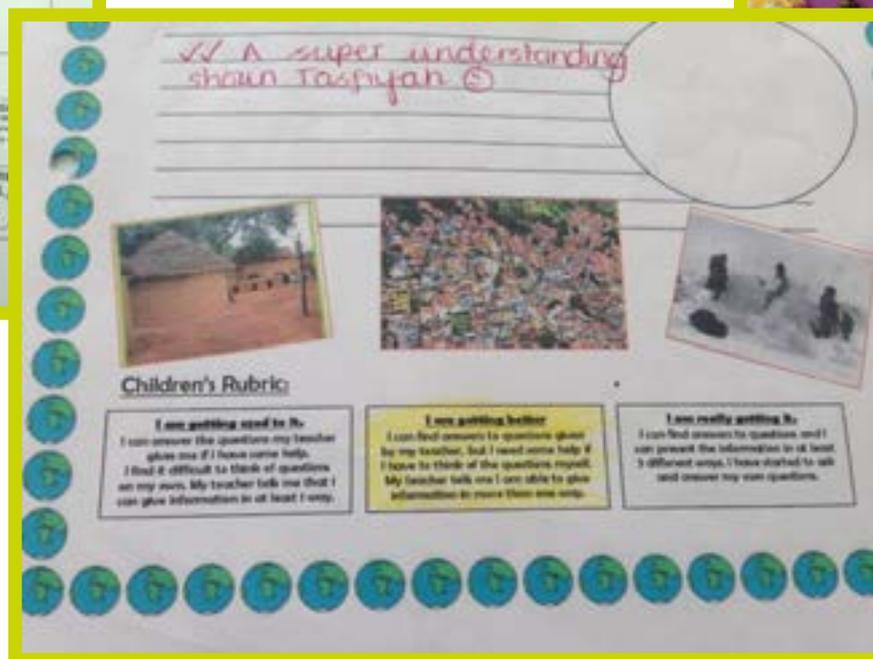
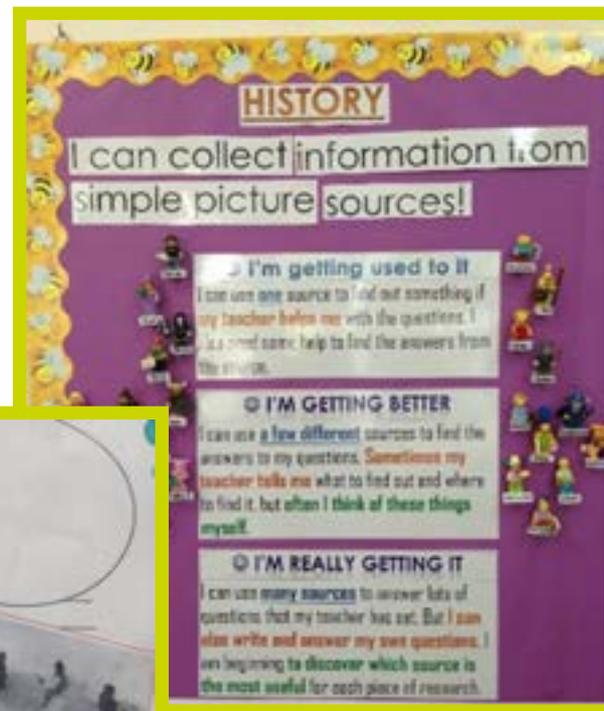
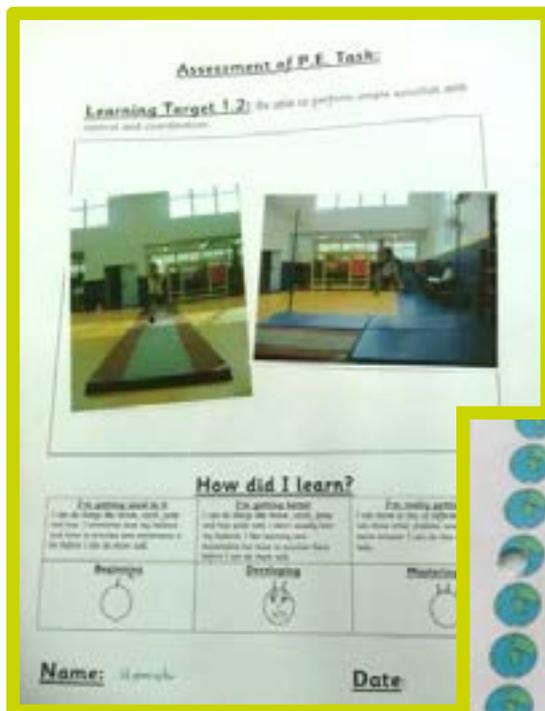
Sample Children's Rubric



| I'm getting used to it | I'm getting better | I'm really getting it! |
|--|--|---|
| <p>I made a map using pictures to show different places and objects.</p> <p>I needed some help from my teacher to put them in the right places on the map.</p> | <p>I worked on my own to draw my map.</p> <p>I used some pictures and some symbols to show the different places and features.</p> <p>I know that I drew some of them in the correct place.</p> | <p>I completed my map by myself.</p> <p>I used symbols to show where different places are and a key to show what the symbols mean.</p> <p>I drew most of them in the correct place.</p> |

Peer Assessment

Children use the rubrics to self and peer assess, putting them in charge of their own learning.



How you can get involved!

- Look out for the parent information letter to find out about the next IPC unit
- Supply resources from home and host country if available
- Join in with entry and exit points
- Talk to your children about their learning