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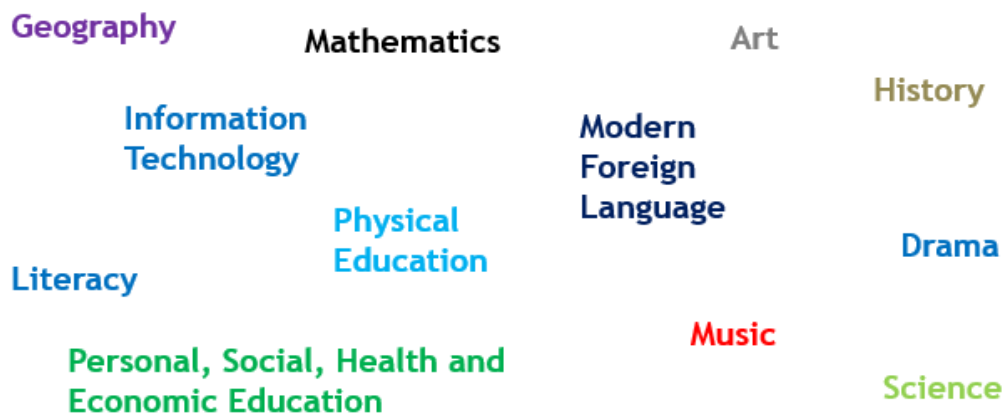
**CURRICULUM OVERVIEW FOR
PARENTS AND CARERS**

Welcome, and thank you for taking the time to read this document.

We want to give prospective parents and carers an insight into some of the opportunities that Concordia will be providing for its students over the next few years. This is an incredibly exciting time for us as we are very much looking forward to building a centre of educational excellence for the local community. We hope you will join us on our journey and we look forward to welcoming you.

CURRICULUM

We will be providing a curriculum that is balanced in subjects, rich in experiences and inspiring for staff and students. We want students to be life ready, work ready, and prepared for the next stage of their education.



There will be a strong focus on Literacy and Maths in every year group, delivered by highly trained staff committed to children's wellbeing.

Literacy

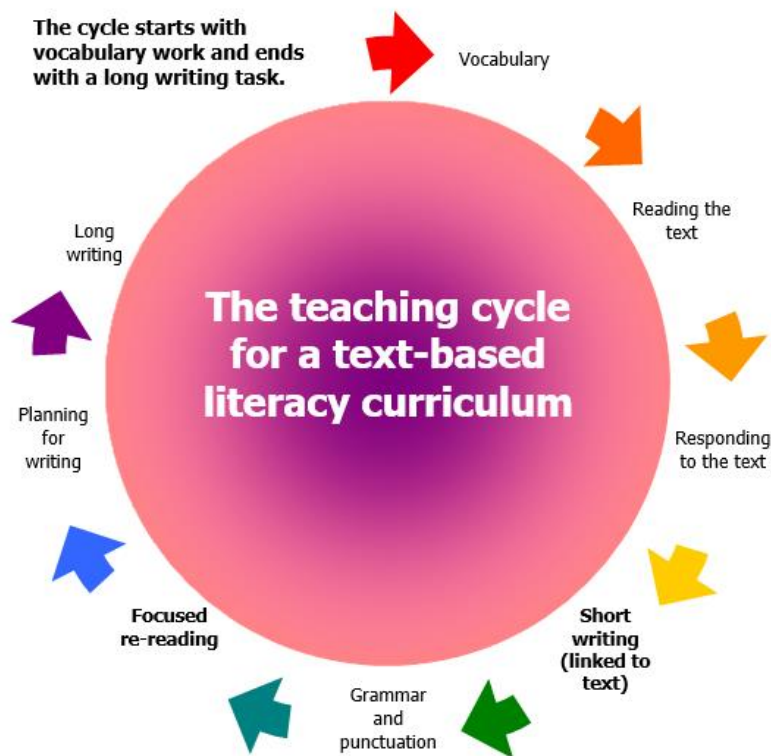
We will prioritise learning the fundamentals of literacy - fluency in speaking, reading and writing. In the early years and key stage 1 we will teach a structured phonics programme to ensure that no child is left behind.



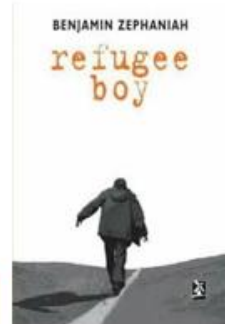
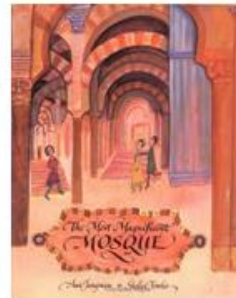
Read Write Inc. is a government recommended phonics programme that has been proven to raise achievement in children’s reading ability. Our staff will be trained to deliver high quality phonics and literacy lessons that children will enjoy and benefit from. Alongside RWI, we will ensure that students develop a love of reading by exposing them to a variety of story books as well as non-fiction texts to really fire their imagination.



For older students we will be teaching text based literacy through the use of high quality texts, both fiction and non-fiction. This will allow students to immerse themselves in a text in depth. Teachers will ensure that all of the key areas of learning are covered by following a comprehensive teaching cycle which children will enjoy.



The texts students cover will be diverse and reflect the community we live in, celebrating talented people from all backgrounds. They will learn about interesting themes and challenging topics that will develop their understanding of the world.



Throughout the year, students will have the chance to celebrate reading and writing through fun and engaging events such as:

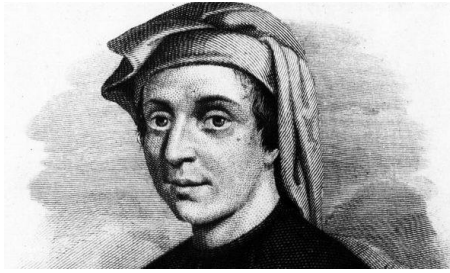
- World Book Day
- National Poetry Day
- Visits from famous authors
- Drama activities
- Entering written work in competitions
- Roald Dahl Day
- And many more

Maths

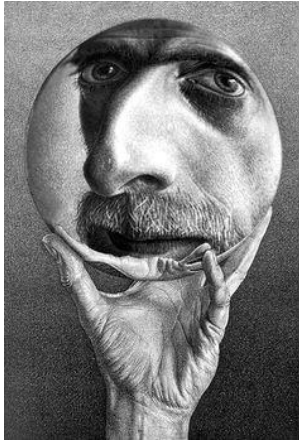
Mathematics will be taught using a mastery approach as we believe that this is the most effective way of ensuring that all students develop a deep and long-lasting understanding of the subject. This will involve:

- ***The aim that all/most pupils can and will achieve***
- ***Keeping the class working together so that all can master mathematics***
- ***Development of deep mathematical knowledge***
- ***Development of both factual/procedural and conceptual fluency***
- ***Longer time on key topics***

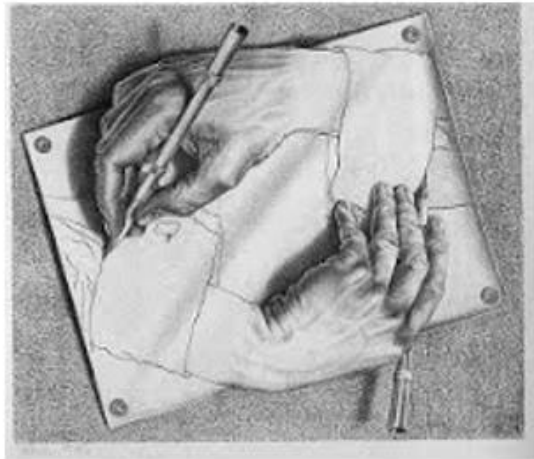
Students will be given the opportunity to problem solve, reason and develop a strong conceptual understanding in their maths lessons. We will place a high importance on students understanding the real world application of maths, including its use in science, engineering and design. Students will also study famous mathematicians and their work, such as:



Fibonacci and his famous
Fibonacci sequence
1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 ...



M C Escher and his use of
mathematical patterns in art.
See below!



Enrichment

Students will extend their learning and development beyond the classroom, through unique opportunities that stretch their understanding of the world. For example, when they study Mary Anning in science lessons at key stage 2 they will visit Lyme Regis and experience fossil hunting for themselves. Or when they study mountain topography in geography lessons they will be given the opportunity to climb an actual mountain.



All students will be given the exciting opportunity to learn a new language. Music lessons will extend into after school clubs, with Concordia producing its own school choir and a school band. Life skills like cooking and planting will be taught as part of our commitment to developing fully rounded individuals through memorable real life experiences.

We will be offering Breakfast Club as soon as we are in our new building, as well as a variety of after school clubs including:

- Debate Club
- Chess Club
- Art Club
- Dance Club
- Football Club (for boys and girls)
- Film Club

Our links with the local community will involve visits to West Ham's training ground in Romford where students will hopefully take part in training sessions. Queen's Theatre in Hornchurch will allow our students to see local productions, and put on their own show!

Concordia Academy - Now receiving applications for Reception and Year 1 places for 2017

We hope that you are interested in finding out more about Concordia Academy. We will be holding parent open meetings throughout 2016 and 2017 so we can meet with you and answer any questions you may have. Our next parent meeting is taking place at Romford Library on Monday 28 November at 4pm. We hope to see you there.