

Source: Welsh Government, Preparing for the New Curriculum. <https://gov.wales/preparing-new-curriculum>



The purpose of the new curriculum is to support our children and young people to be:

- ambitious, capable learners, ready to learn throughout their lives
- enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work
- ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world
- healthy, confident individuals, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

Areas of learning and experience

Expressive Arts
Humanities
Health and Well-being
Science and Technology
Mathematics and Numeracy
Languages, Literacy and Communication

Each area of learning and experience is organised into a suite of what matters statements which prioritise the important concepts about which learners must have experiences, knowledge and skills.

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What Matters in Expressive Arts

- Exploration through and of the Expressive Arts deepens our artistic knowledge and contributes to our understanding of identities, cultures and societies.
- Responding and reflecting, both as artist and audience, is a fundamental part of learning about and through the Expressive Arts.
- Creative work combines knowledge and skills using the senses, inspiration and imagination.

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What Matters in Humanities

These what matters statements are linked and are not intended to be taken in isolation.

- Developing an enquiring mind enables learners to explore and investigate the world, past, present and future, for themselves.
- Events and human experiences are complex, and are perceived, interpreted and represented in different ways.
- Our natural world is diverse and dynamic, influenced by physical processes and human actions.
- Human societies are complex and diverse, and are shaped by human actions and beliefs.
- Informed, self-aware citizens engage with the challenges and opportunities that face humanity, and are able to take considered, ethical and sustainable action.

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What Matters in Health and Well-being

- Developing physical health and well-being has lifelong benefits.
- How we process and respond to our experiences affects our mental health and emotional well-being.
- Our decision-making impacts on the quality of our lives and the lives of others.
- How we engage with different social influences shapes who we are and our health and well-being.
- Healthy relationships are fundamental to our sense of belonging and well-being.

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What Matters in Science and Technology

- Being curious and searching for answers helps further our understanding of the natural world and helps society progress.
- Design thinking and engineering are technical and creative endeavours intended to meet society's needs and wants.
- The world around us is full of living things which depend on each other for survival.
- Understanding the atomic nature of matter and how it shapes the world.
- Forces and energy determine the structure and dynamics of the universe.
- Computation applies algorithms to data in order to solve real-world problems.

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What Matters in Mathematics and Numeracy

- The number system is used to represent and compare relationships between numbers and quantities.
- Algebra uses symbol systems to express the structures of relationships between numbers, quantities and relations.
- Geometry focuses on relationships involving properties of shape, space and position, and measurement focuses on quantifying phenomena in the physical world.
- Statistics represent data, probability models chance, and both support informed inferences and decisions.

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What Matters in Languages, Literacy and Communication

- Learning about identity and culture through languages prepares us to be citizens of Wales and the world.
- Learners who listen and read effectively are prepared to learn throughout their lives.
- Learners who speak and write effectively are prepared to play a full part in life and work.
- Literature fires imaginations and inspires creativity.