

Mixed age planning in the context of teaching for mastery

Primary Teaching for Mastery Focused Issue



OVERVIEW: The project will involve the trialling and reviewing of a range of approaches to deal with the issue of planning for mixed age classes in a mastery context. Participants will explore current work and case studies from the innovation Work Groups which have previously looked at this issue. Teachers will be able to engage with the approaches in their own schools and evaluate the impact on pupils. The Primary Mastery Professional Development Materials will underpin the work and provide a structure for planning.

WHO IS IT FOR?

This Work Group is **ONLY** for schools who have already participated in the Primary Teaching for Mastery development funded work groups. Those schools that have mixed age classes are invited to nominate two teachers for the Work Group. Where possible, one of the teachers attending the Work Group should be in a middle or senior leadership role (ideally the Maths Lead).

INTENDED OUTCOMES

Participants will deepen their understanding of teaching for mastery and be able to use different models to deliver a mastery curriculum within a mixed age setting. They will also develop and begin to implement a coherent policy appropriate to the setting, to support teachers in designing and teaching lessons to meet the needs of learners from mixed age groups.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

The project will involve the trialling and reviewing of a range of approaches to deal with the issue of planning for mixed age classes in a mastery context. It will present current work and case studies from the innovation work already carried out. Work Group Leads will support participants in engaging with the approaches in their own schools and evaluating the impact on pupils. Participants will be able to explore a range of models for addressing mixed age teaching in maths, including:

- Restructuring lesson time to allow for separate input to different year groups
- Restructuring staffing and timetables so pupils can be grouped by age for maths lessons
- Planning to meet the needs of learners from different year groups when it is not possible or practical to group pupils according to their age (e.g. in very small schools where more than two year groups are mixed).

THE WIDER CONTEXT

The Maths Hubs Network, across England, works on national projects by running local collaborative Work Groups of teachers around national maths education priority areas. One such priority is to embed maths teaching for mastery across primary schools. In adopting teaching for mastery, schools have embedded whole class teaching as a method of delivery. This project allows close examination of how to overcome the challenges of this in mixed age classes.

Work Groups use a common evaluation process, which collectively provides a body of evidence on the project's outcomes. Your participation in this Work Group will contribute to your own professional learning, and that of your colleagues, as well as contributing to the improvement of maths education at a national level.

EXPECTATIONS OF PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR SCHOOLS

Participants will attend three face-to-face days with the Work Group Lead and participants from other schools.

Gap tasks will be set with focus questions to support reflections which are then discussed at the following meeting.

Participant schools will contribute to case studies based on their reflective journals on the success of particular models or the combination of approaches used.

WHO IS LEADING THE WORK GROUPS

The Work Groups will be run by:

Kerry Henry, Fiskerton Primary School - Work Group Lead

FUNDING

The programme will be fully funded through the East Midlands East Maths Hub, however there will be a £15 per session fee for non-attendance to cover costs.

VENUE

St Faith and St Martin CofE Junior School
Hampton Street
Lincoln, Lincolnshire
LN1 1LW

DATES/TIMES

Friday 4th October 2019
Friday 31st January 2020
Friday 12th June 2020

All sessions are 9.30am- 3.30pm

IF I'M INTERESTED, WHAT NEXT?

To reserve your place, please use the link below to our online booking system. For further information, please contact Julie Naidu, Maths Hub Coordinator, enquiries@ememathshub.org, tel: 01636 817 377.

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