

FSE - Fifth & Sixth Class Education

Perspectives on literacy, numeracy and much more!



Are you currently teaching fifth and/or sixth class or perhaps moving into this class grouping for the next school year? Are you looking to sharpen up your approaches, searching for new ideas, hunting for creative resources, on the look out for additional techniques, then you have come to the right place! We have gone the extra mile to craft an all encompassing, well resourced course for the teacher of fifth and/or sixth class.

In this **self-paced curriculum focused & classroom practical course**, filled with creative ideas & top tips and packaged with superb resources to take away, we begin by looking at the defining principles and features of the primary school curriculum. We explore the nature of learning and look at assessment as a central starting point to teaching and learning and look at short and long term planning as fundamental to proper curriculum delivery. We will work through various text types in English in order to better understand their defining features as they relate to childrens' reading and writing.

We have added Spreag an Gaeilge this year - here we itemise some great tips that should guide your effective teaching of Irish, along with some sample lessons from the excellent Séideán Sí programme and our dip into Gaeilge is completed with a suite of class appropriate games, songs and poems.

We will examine some of the best approaches to concept building in mathematics supplemented by quality teaching resource materials, followed by an exploration of 'The Writing Process', encompassing it's application in the classroom and potential to drive better writing outcomes. Included here will be a large section on the reading, appreciation and writing of poetry.

The course concludes with a look at a 'Thematic' approach to S.E.S.E.. along with lots of creative approaches & ideas for the visual arts and activities for all areas of the P.E. programme in Fifth & Sixth class.

NOTE:

The on-line format of this course enables you to study at a time and place that best suits your own needs.

You can access your course anytime until March 31st 2018.

Within this highly interactive web based course, a dynamic learning experience awaits, where

you can interact with your fellow course participants through the in-course chat forums and communication tools provided by the CPD College learning system.

Our friendly and knowledgeable tutors actively support each course, providing expert interaction, guidance and feedback for all participants on chat questions and assignments which call for critical reflection, self-analysis and a reasoned response.

On successful completion of your course, you can download and print off your CPD record and Certificate of Completion.

We look forward to welcoming you to your course.

Learning outcomes

This course aims to:

- Equip teachers with the insights, skills, approaches, practices and activities to better plan and deliver for teaching and learning in language and mathematics in fifth & sixth class.
- Equip teachers with the range of effective approaches and strategies to teach reading, comprehension, spelling, grammar and writing; to include the 'Nine Steps to Better Writing'.
- Use purposeful and practical approach to poetry, rhyme and story as a rich seam for literacy development in the senior classes.
- Explore best practice approaches to the teaching of mathematics and strategies for problem solving.
- Explore and create lessons that are cross curricular and assessment for learning focused.
- Equip teachers with a suite of assessment approaches to help identify and close gaps in pupil understanding.
- Itemise some digital tools that can facilitate literacy and mathematics teaching and learning.
- Review research/literature/writings to extrapolate good practice points for guiding work in literacy and mathematics.
- Look at, review and score one's own 'Teacher Practice in Literacy' as part of the SSE process.

Modules

01 - Curriculum Principles: The defining principles and features of the primary school curriculum & exploration of the nature of learning and look at assessment as a central starting point to teaching and learning. Short and long term planning as fundamental to proper curriculum delivery. Our module concludes with our 'Spreag an Gaeilge' section - ideas and activities to drive effective teaching of Irish.

02 - Approaches to text types in English: Exploring how children need to be encouraged to read widely, analyze and evaluate written texts, and develop their ability to make meaning out of increasingly challenging text. The importance of training students to think critically about what they read, and understand that written language varies according to context.


03 - Renewing Primary Mathematics: This module raises some questions and key points about the teaching and learning of mathematics in our primary schools and examines the strategies and resources that teachers could best utilise to underpin the teaching of the concepts in fifth and sixth class.

04 - Poetry & Rhyme, SESE: A look at the opportunities for literacy skills development class

in fifth and sixth class through exposure to and experience of a wide range of stimulating rhyme and poetry. Also Exploring organised thematic work units as an approach to teaching & learning in primary school, which often involves various tasks being carried out under the umbrella of a common title or "Theme" in S.E.S.E.


05 - The Writing Process, Visual Arts and P.E: In further exploring opportunities for literacy progression in fifth and sixth class, we look in detail at the 'Writing Process' its defining features and it's central role in driving good writing outcomes. The course finishes with a look at the twin subjects of Visual Arts and P.E. as two subjects that particularly appeal to children and explore practical activities that can be completed under each subject.

Course quick links

 *Register your interest*

 *Enrol*

 *Download fact-sheet*

 *To learning centre*

Course cost: €89.00

Format: On-line

Course duration: 20 hours

"This has perhaps been one of the best courses I have done in 30 years of teaching. I regret now that I didn't do it last year before moving to 5th and 6th. At least now I can go back to school feeling much more confident, informed and armed with so many excellent resources. This is the only course I remember doing when I just kept going out of interest, excitement and feeling empowered. The lessons relating to reading, writing, poetry and drama were particularly excellent. Thank you to all involved in preparing this course. I would highly recommend to friends and colleagues changing classes to do a course here first." - Breda, 2016

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