

Key Stage Two

Key Stage Two covers Grades 2, 3, 4 and 5

Our teachers are experienced in working with children from many national systems and the support they provide in class enables children with a variety of educational backgrounds to make a smooth transition to successful learning at the appropriate level.

The curriculum at Key Stage Two is divided into the three 'core' subjects of Mathematics (numeracy), English (literacy) and Science, and a number of 'foundation' subjects, including History, Geography, Art and Design, Music and Physical Education (PE).

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is taught as both an individual subject and to support learning across other areas of the curriculum.

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Standardised Assessment Tests - SATs

In England and Wales as well as many thousands of International Schools all over the world children sit formalised tests known as Standardised Assessment Tests or SATs at the end of Grade 1 and Grade 5. These tests give a general view as to the progress and abilities of the children in English, Mathematics and Science (Grade 5). MIS administers these tests at the end of the year by their class teacher. The results are then kept at the school in the pupils record and can be viewed by the parents at anytime.

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