

Your child has been identified as having one or more abilities developed to a level significantly ahead of their year group, or has the potential to develop these abilities. Teachers have found this through a combination of their class work, both written and oral, observations and assessment data.

At Trimley St Martin Primary School, this means that your child has been placed on the Gifted and Talented register.

What does Gifted and Talented mean?

'Gifted' learners are those who have abilities in one or more academic subjects, like maths and English

'Talented' learners are those who have practical skills in areas like sport, music, design or creative and performing arts

Skills like leadership, decision-making and organisation are also taken into account when identifying and providing for gifted and talented children.

Although your child is on the register now, new guidelines state that children can come off the register too, depending on their progress throughout the school year. This is because children's development is not a steady ever-increasing process; it peaks, troughs and plateaus at different stages and all children are very different. Each term we look at our G&T register and our data to see if any child is either underachieving or should be placed on the register. We will inform you if your child has come off the register or placed back on again.

What does this mean?

Once children are on the register we try as much as possible to give them not only challenging and engaging activities in the classroom, along with all children, but inspiring, stimulating and thought-provoking enrichment activities.

Challenging activities in class.

Teachers ensure that Gifted and talented children are considered when they are planning their lessons. It is expected that children, who are on the Gifted and talented, register are provided work that extends their learning to a higher level and this is evident on the planning. This could be after the children complete their class work or if the teacher feels they will benefit more from the challenges, rather than giving children more of the same work.



Enrichment activity 1: Learning Quests

Learning Quests will take place in either during the Autumn or Spring Term and are designed to call on pupils to undertake a wide variety of activities in relation to a topic of current interest. All activities develop skills that pupils can apply to other areas of the curriculum. The structured quests are split into 6 units; (1) What we know already about the topic? (2) What do we understand about the facts we know? (3) How does the issue affect real life? (4) Where do I research next? (5) How can I present the new things I have learnt?

Enrichment Activity 2: CEC's—Curriculum Extension Challenges

CEC's will take place during the Autumn & Spring Terms. These projects are set by the subject leaders in the school. The children work on one of these challenge projects at home and present them at a presentation event at the end of each term, where children, parents, at the children's projects and talk to the children about what they have done.

Each term the Curriculum Extension Challenges on the G&T page of www.fronter.com/havering are updated. Children who are on the register are strongly encouraged to take part in a G&T challenge.

Enrichment Activity 3: Independent Study

At the start of the year, every child at Trimley St Martin Primary School commences a year-long independent project based on a topic of their choice. In the summer term, the focus of the G&T club activity will be around applying the new skills learnt during the Quests & CECs to enhance the quality and content of their independent studies.



G&T Club

G&T children are also encouraged to come to the G&T club, held every **Thursday at 12:30pm – 1:00 pm** in the ICT suite. Here children can play challenging games online, use the G&T webpage and receive support for their Quests, CEC's or Independent Studies.



Enrichment Courses here at TSM

From September 2014, the school plans to run its own enrichment courses for different subjects and age ranges that run on a Saturday Morning. We will offer these at a reduced rate for our own pupils and normal price for other children within Felixstowe. If your child is on the register they will be put forward for some of these courses.

Secondary School Courses

Secondary Schools in our area often provide enrichment courses for different subjects and age ranges that run on a Saturday. If your child is on the register they will be put forward for some of these courses. If they are able to attend, they can bring in the work they produce at the course to the G&T Club to show other pupils.



The G & T page on the website

There are many games, resources and parent information about G&T learners on the website. Please log on with your child to view these web site links and information. G&T Club information about G&T learners on this page.



G&T Surgery

The G&T surgery is for children who may want to talk more about their work or feelings they have about their learning or how other children perceive them in their class.

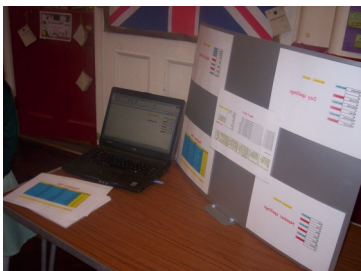
Targets

Alongside targets which are given to the children about their academic progress in maths, writing and reading; G&T children will also be involved in setting three targets of their own to work on each term. Children are then required to show evidence of achievement regularly so new targets can be created at the beginning of every term. This helps us to monitor and evaluate children's progress and this is also shared with the class teacher. Learning becomes personalised to each individual child's needs and they feel like they are involved in their own learning.

I hope you find some of this information about the provision for G&T learners helpful. Thank you for taking your time to read this leaflet.

Mrs MacFarlane

A,G&T Leader



If you have any queries about your child's learning and progress, or if you would like any extra information about being Gifted and Talented, please make an appointment to meet with me.

Useful G&T Websites for Children

<http://www.brainbashers.com/>

<http://ygt.dcsf.gov.uk/Landing.aspx>

<http://nrich.maths.org/forstudents>

<http://www.superkids.com/>

G&T Websites for Parents

<http://www.nagcbrtain.org.uk/parents.php?id=75>

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents/life/sen/gifted_and_talented/index.shtml

[NACE Website](#)

Currently we are embarking on the prestigious NACE Challenge Award which is an evaluation framework for schools to show in-depth analysis of G&T provision.

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