



# First Class Learning

## A Guide For Parents

### What is First Class Learning?

Every parent knows that success at school in Maths and English is an essential foundation for their child's future.

That is why the First Class Learning Maths and English programmes have been designed specifically to support children studying within the frameworks of the National Curriculum for England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the 5-14 Guidelines (Curriculum for Excellence) in Scotland.

Created by a team of experienced specialists in Maths and English, the courses are designed to be flexible and responsive to the individual needs of each child.

First Class Learning is suitable for all ages and abilities. Whether your child lacks confidence with schoolwork or, on the contrary, wants the chance to develop a talent for Maths or English, the First Class Learning Maths and English courses will help them to realise their full potential.

First Class Learning has study centres throughout the U.K. and is supported by the Dyspraxia Foundation.

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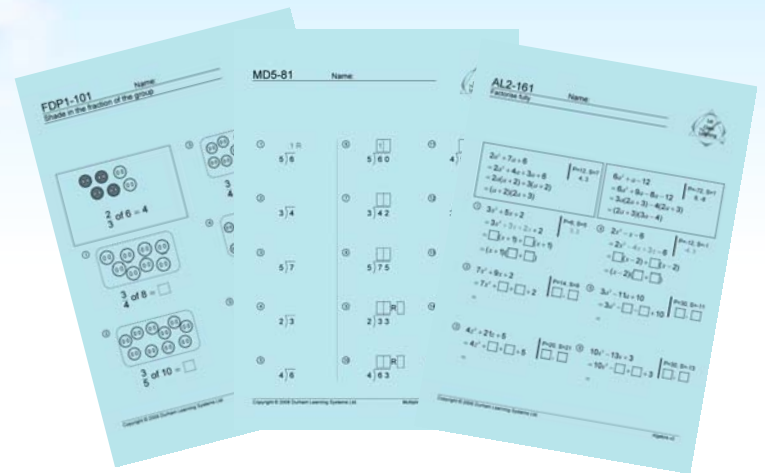
## The Maths Course

The First Class Learning Maths programme is designed to equip your child with the fundamental skills required for success in school Mathematics. Using a range of resources, it covers all the essential areas of the school curriculum:

- ✓ Introduction to Numbers
- ✓ Addition and Subtraction
- ✓ Multiplication and Division
- ✓ Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
- ✓ Algebra
- ✓ Shape and Space

Each of these topics is sub-divided into modules with specific learning outcomes to reflect the requirements of the school curriculum.

Your child will be guided through these modules in a manner appropriate to their needs and learning style. This approach ensures growing confidence and success.

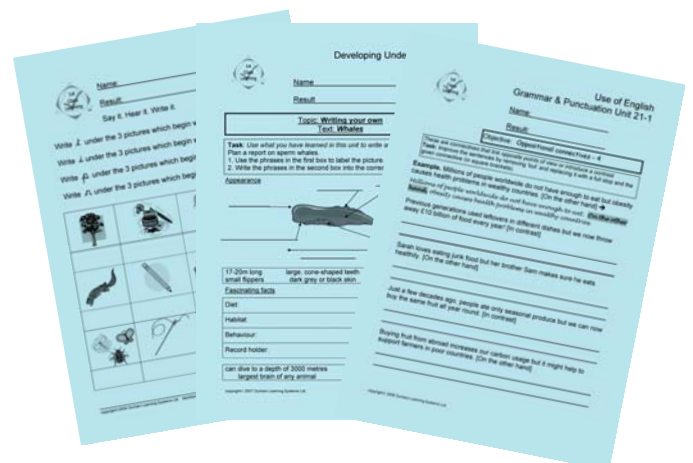


## The English Course

The First Class Learning English Programme takes a multisensory approach, enabling all children – whatever their learning style or ability – to develop the key skills which will allow them to read fluently, spell accurately and write confidently. The development of consistent, joined handwriting is an integral part of the programme.

The carefully structured modules cover:

- ✓ Reading and spelling through synthetic phonics
- ✓ Key word recognition and word building
- ✓ Vocabulary extension
- ✓ Grammar and punctuation
- ✓ Comprehension skills
- ✓ Creative writing



# How First Class Learning Works

## Initial Assessment

Before your child commences study with First Class Learning, your local First Class Learning Centre Tutor will carry out a diagnostic assessment. This assessment will help to determine the specific needs of your child and ensure a suitable starting point in the course. The Centre Tutor will also explain to you the details of how First Class Learning operates and answer any questions you may have.

## The Study Centre

Once enrolled, your child will attend a local First Class Learning study centre on a regular basis. (A correspondence option is available. Please ask for details.)

At the study centre, he or she will complete a short piece of work which will be marked and returned. Your child will have the opportunity to discuss his or her work with the Centre Tutor. Each visit to the study centre normally takes between 10 and 30 minutes.

## Homework and your role as a parent

At each visit to the study centre your child will be given a detailed programme of homework to be completed before the next class. The homework plays a vital role in your child's progress by ensuring constant consolidation of the skills learned at the study centre.

The homework is marked by the parent (answer books are provided where appropriate). This home marking ensures that you will always be fully aware of the work your child is doing and the progress being made. It will also give you the opportunity to support and encourage your child in their studies, raising confidence and self-esteem. This interaction between parent and child plays a central role in the success of the student.

## Assessment

At the study centre, the Centre Tutor will carry out regular assessments of your child's progress. The results of these assessments will be discussed with you and your child and will help to form a clear picture of your child's progress and projections for future study.

## Independent Learning

At the study centre, your child will be encouraged to take the initiative in tackling problems and tasks. Of course, guidance and assistance will be given when required, but at First Class Learning, we believe that the ability to think independently is as important as the content of the courses. Your child will not be 'taught' in the traditional sense. Instead, they will learn how to learn, and learn how to succeed.



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## What Parents Say

*'We can't thank you enough for the progress Lewis has made since he started First Class Learning. He is now above average and has gained so much confidence. We are so delighted!'* Mr. and Mrs. Ahmad, Middlesbrough

*'First Class Learning has helped Lucy become more confident and enabled her to grasp more than the basics.'*  
Mrs Bennett, Redcar

*'First Class Learning has been a huge benefit to our daughter's progress in Maths and has supported her school learning in order to build up her competence and confidence. A friendly, approachable child-centred team.'*  
Mrs Cook, Bromsgrove

*'After working steadily with First Class Learning, Rob was moved up to the top group in his class. His confidence has really been boosted.'* Mrs. Keys, Gosport

## What Students Say

*'The best thing is that I do things at FCL that help me understand my schoolwork.'*  
Sarah Johnson, Sunderland

*'I was always struggling with my English and Maths at school but since I joined First Class Learning, my knowledge has developed and now I am achieving A\* and A in my coursework and my practice tests.'*  
Prathaban Ramanathan, Middlesbrough

*'I have been taught by Janice this year to help me with maths and am pleased with the results I achieved.'*  
Dora Spanos, Enfield

## What Professionals Say

*'What these programmes do is directly address learning styles and so programmes can be tailored to meet individual needs.'* Dr. Madeleine Portwood, Senior Educational Psychologist.

*'A very structured programme. Short exercises involving instant feedback and plenty of variety. Guaranteed success.'*  
Celia Stone, Author, Beat Dyslexia!

*'We've seen a big benefit in their attitude, because they've had to be self-disciplined, and they've had to be committed.'*  
Josie Wilson, Headteacher.

## The Next Step

For your child to become one of the growing number in the U.K enjoying success with First Class Learning, or simply to find out more, please contact your local Study Centre Tutor.

