



# First Class Learning

## The Schools Programme

### What is First Class Learning?

First Class Learning is a UK company, with all its learning materials designed and produced in the UK to meet the needs of the UK curricula.

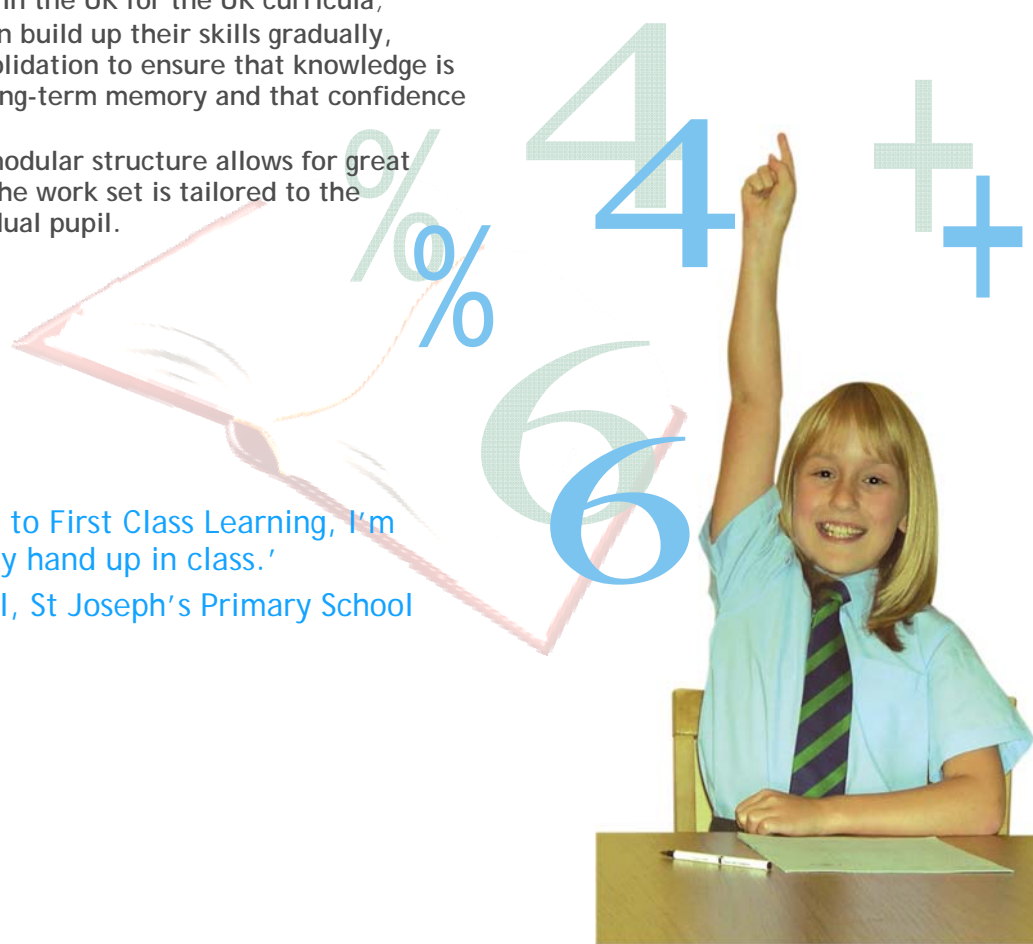
The First Class Learning Maths and English programmes help children to build their essential numeracy and literacy skills and thereby improve their performance in their school work.

The First Class Learning programmes are:

- ✓ Relevant—designed in the UK for the UK curricula;
- ✓ Systematic—children build up their skills gradually, with constant consolidation to ensure that knowledge is embedded in the long-term memory and that confidence grows;
- ✓ Personalised—the modular structure allows for great flexibility, so that the work set is tailored to the needs of the individual pupil.

'Since I've been coming to First Class Learning, I'm now not afraid to put my hand up in class.'

Pupil, St Joseph's Primary School



## How easy is it to run First Class Learning in school?

Very easy!

Your First Class Learning Manager will provide all necessary diagnostic and study materials. He or she will visit your school to carry out initial diagnostic tests that will determine each pupil's starting point in the programme. The manager will then devise a study plan for the pupil and provide the required study materials.

First Class Learning study sessions take place each school day. These short sessions can run during lesson time or form part of the extended school day. Morning maths clubs are particularly popular, and have the added advantage that children then begin the school day alert and ready to learn.

'A before-school mathematics club is oversubscribed with pupils enthusiastically practising their basic numeracy skills and timing how fast they can complete tasks.'

Source: St Bernadette's RC Primary School Ofsted report



During these sessions, pupils complete a short piece of work at a level appropriate to their ability. Each pupil has his or her own folder which contains the work set. Pupils mark their completed work using the First Class Learning handbooks provided, complete any corrections and enter their results on a record sheet which is also kept in their folder.

Students work independently and mark their own work, so the programme is very simple to supervise. *No teacher input is required.* A Teaching Assistant is the ideal person to supervise the sessions, and will receive training and support from the First Class Learning Manager.

'The great thing is that it's self-managing. The teaching assistant runs it, but really it's the children who are in control.'

Jenny Booth, Year 6 teacher, St Joseph's Primary School

The First Class Learning Manager will keep in close contact with the member of staff responsible for overseeing the programme, so that you can be sure at all times that the work for every pupil following the programme is appropriate and geared to maximising progress.

## What makes First Class Learning ideal for school?

Firstly, of course, the close links to the curriculum mean that pupils are practising skills and studying topics that are directly relevant to them.

Secondly, the regular, systematic practice builds up and consolidates knowledge and develops good study habits across the curriculum.

In addition, the flexibility of the programmes allows children's learning needs and learning styles to be taken into account.

The final factor is the psychological approach, which draws on assessment for learning. Children learn best if they know what their objective is, where they are in relation to that objective and what they need to do in order to achieve it. With First Class Learning, pupils are involved in assessing their own attainment, which means they are aware of their progress and always know 'what's in it for me'.



'My child attends maths club before school and enjoys it.'

Source: Caldicotes Primary School  
Ofsted report

## What difference does First Class Learning make?

A growing number of schools are already using First Class Learning year on year as part of their daily routine. This is a tremendous endorsement of the quality and effectiveness of the First Class Learning materials. Pupils:

- ✓ improve their maths skills;
- ✓ develop good study habits;
- ✓ gain in confidence and love to learn.

'We've seen a big benefit in their attitude, because they've had to be self-disciplined, and they've had to be committed. Those are really important life skills, and we've seen those skills transferring into other areas of the curriculum.'

Josie Wilson, Headteacher, St Joseph's RC Primary School

To find out more about how First Class Learning works in schools please give us a call or send an email to: [schools@firstclasslearning.co.uk](mailto:schools@firstclasslearning.co.uk)

# Children learning to succeed . . .

## What People Are Saying

*'It gives the children the opportunity to see the links from one piece of learning to the next, to be able to recall number facts and to have an easy facility with number, and that is then transferred into the classroom.'*

Mary Cobbold, Headteacher, St Bernadette's RC Primary School.

*'They can come in and get on with it individually and they can see the success of it for themselves.'*

Mr Stockwell, Teacher, Caldicotes Primary School.

*'Although we have 50 children coming in, it all runs smoothly because the First Class Learning Programme is so easy to organise.'*

Mrs Davies, Teaching Assistant, St Bernadette's RC Primary School.

*'Pupils speak enthusiastically about the daily breakfast club.'*

Source: St Joseph's RC Primary School Ofsted Report.

*'It makes maths fun and it's encouraged my son to develop himself. I think it's a really valuable thing for the school to have.'*

Mrs Fletcher, Parent.

*'It's been great for my son because it's massively improved his confidence and what's more it sets him up for the day.'*

Mrs Miller, Parent.

*'Coming to First Class Learning in the morning has made me more confident in school.'*

Jessica, Pupil, St Joseph's RC Primary School.

*'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!

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## The Next Step

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