



East-West International School

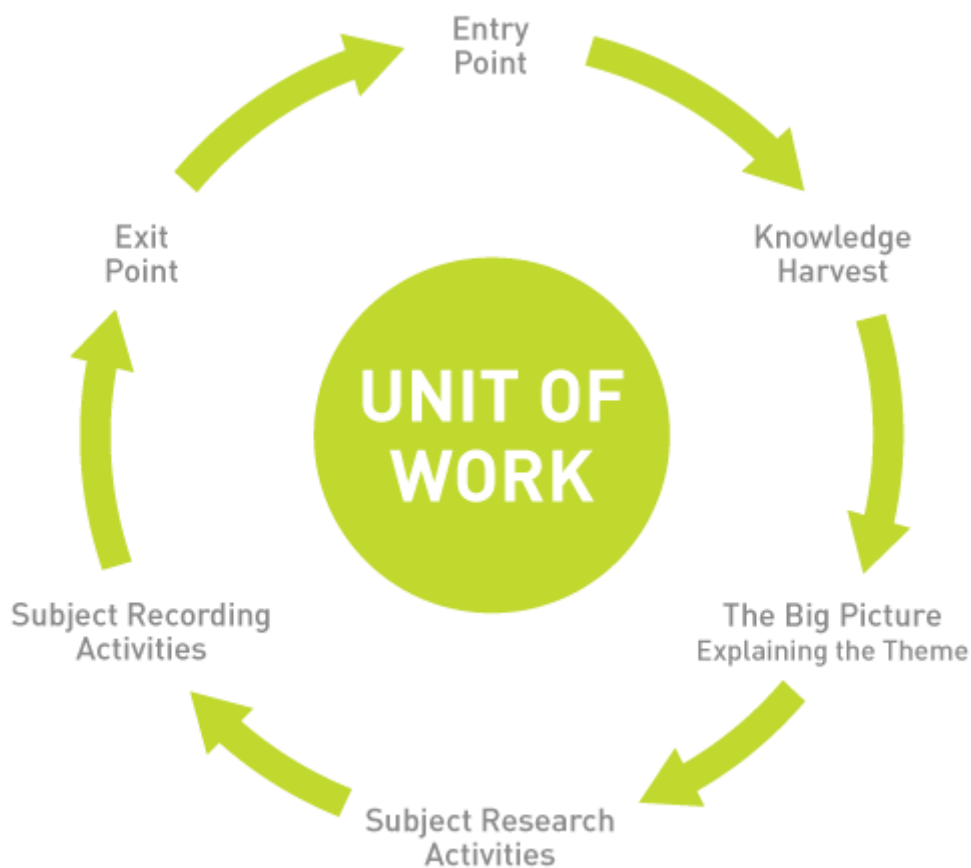
International Primary Curriculum



The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) is a comprehensive curriculum with a clear process of learning and with specific learning goals for every subject, for personal learning and for international mindedness. The IPC is now the curriculum choice of international and national schools in over 1,800 schools in over 90 countries around the world.

At East-West International School we use both English and Khmer languages when teaching the IPC, helping children to learn content vocabulary in both languages. The IPC curriculum has three levels. At East-West we teach Milepost 1 units in Kindergarten and Grade 1, Milepost 2 units in Grades 2 and 3, and Milepost 3 units in Grades 4 and 5.

Each unit follows the same process of learning.



More detailed information on the International Primary Curriculum can be found at <http://www.greatlearning.com/ipc/>.

Following is a description of the units taught at East-West International School in 2017-2018.

These are not in the order of teaching. Teachers will tell you when they are about to start a new unit.

Kindergarten	
Brainwave	<p>The Big Idea: Our brain is special because it does lots of amazing things. Once we understand how our brain works and what we can do to make it work even better, then we can improve the way that we learn.</p> <p>In this unit, we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How the brain works• About the personal goals that help us to become better learners• How to find out facts to prepare for a special challenge• How to learn and practise skills for a special challenge• How to record how well we are learning• How to use what we have learned to create our own special challenge• How to wake up our brain• How to look after our brain• How to design a classroom for learning
A day in the life	<p>The Big Idea: It can be fun to imagine what we want to do when we grow up. The world is full of lots of different and exciting jobs. But we should remember to celebrate the things we can do now - the hobbies and interests that we enjoy, and the learning we do at school to help us achieve our goals.</p> <p>In Society, we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About the jobs people do in our school• About the jobs that our parents and family do• About the people who help us• How a service works and the jobs that it creates• How to create an imaginary family for our soap opera/show <p>In Art, we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to create a portrait of ourselves to show the things that we do• How to create a style sheet for one of our characters, exploring their clothes, hobbies and interests <p>In Geography, we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About the services and buildings in the local area• How to create our own street map <p>In History, we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• About the jobs people used to do in the past• What our local area might have looked like a 100 years ago <p>In Music, we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to create theme music for one of our characters• How to sing and perform the main theme music for our soap opera/show <p>In Technology, we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to make vehicles for our street map• How to make a uniform for one of our characters <p>In International, we'll be finding out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to provide a welcome party for a family from another country

Kindergarten

We are what we eat

The Big Idea: Food plays a vital role in history and culture throughout the world because food is essential to life. By learning about the different types and amounts of food our bodies need, we can plan healthier diets and enjoy longer lives.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- Why we need to eat food and what the best foods are
- How some of our food grows
- How to carry out science investigations
- About our sense of taste

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- Where our food comes from
- What food is eaten in our home and host country
- Why different foods grow and are eaten in different countries

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About the food that our parents and grandparents ate when they were young
- How and why the choice of food in our shops has changed
- What our ancient ancestors ate

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- About artists that use food for their ideas
- How to draw and paint fruit and vegetables
- How artists are involved in things we see around us, including advertising

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to plan, make and evaluate a healthy pizza
- How to make a box for a pizza

In Society, we'll be finding out:

- How food plays a role in celebrations and festivals
- About our favourite family recipes

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About famine and drought around the world
- Where drinking water comes from

Look and listen

The Big Idea: Have you ever wondered how you can hear and how you can see? You can hear a dog barking and you can see it wag its tail. You can hear me talking and you can see me smiling at you.

What makes hearing and seeing possible? Let's find out!

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- Where sound and light come from
- How we can make sounds with our body
- What sounds we can make with objects
- What happens when sounds enter our ears
- How animals use their sense of sight and sound
- How we can change sounds

In Technology, we'll be finding out:

- How to design and make a drum

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- How to play a drum rhythm

In International, we'll be finding out:

- How languages are made up of different sounds
- How bright lights affect people and animals

Kindergarten

Flowers and insects

The Big Idea: Have you seen any flowers today? Where did you see them? Have you seen any insects? Where did you see them? Flowers and insects need each other. Without insects there would be no flowers. And without flowers insects would go hungry.

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- Where flowers and insects prefer to live and grow
- How and where seeds grow
- How to set up tests to discover how plants use water
- How to grow lots of different things
- How beans grow
- About the life cycles of insects
- About ants and bees

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- About honey and silk production
- About the migration of the Monarch butterfly

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- About paintings of flowers and insects
- How to make paintings and models of flowers and insects
- How to use symmetry to make paintings of insects
- How to create a garden in the classroom

In Music, we'll be finding out:

- About the music of the famous composer, Rimsky-Korsakov
- How to create our own music

In Society, we'll be finding out:

- About keeping stick insects as pets
- About people who help us

In International, we'll be finding out:

- About flowers and insects from the host and home countries
- About how climate and weather patterns affect life around the world
- About flowers as emblems for different countries

Water world

The Big Idea: Water is important to all living things - without water there would be no life on Earth. We use water every day. We depend on water to stay clean and healthy, just like the many plants and animals we share our world with. Not everyone in the world has clean, fresh water - but we can help to change that, because water is for everyone.

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- How much of our planet is water and how much is land
- How water can provide a habitat for different living things
- What it might be like to live somewhere where there is not much water

In Science, we'll be finding out:

- How water helps plants to grow
- How water can change, from a solid to a liquid to a gas
- How much water we need to drink to stay fit and healthy
- Why it is important to wash our hands to keep them clean

In International, we'll be finding out:

- How some people around the world do not have access to clean water
- How we can help to improve the lives of people in poorer countries

Kindergarten

Hooray, let's go on holiday

The Big Idea

Holidays are special days when we take a rest from school and work. Our holidays in the past were very different from holidays today. Now that we can travel to all parts of the world and even space, who knows where we will go for our holidays in the future?

In Geography, we'll be finding out:

- About the places people go to on holiday
- How they get to their holiday destination
- Some of the things people do on holiday
- What people wear on holiday
- How tourism can spoil holiday places

In History, we'll be finding out:

- About the holidays that we have had in our own past
- About the holidays that our families and other people have had in the past
- What is the same and what is different between holidays in the past and today
- About some of the wonders of the world

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- How to create a sand art sculpture
- About some of the pictures that are used to record holidays
- How we can record our holidays
- About the designs of some holiday souvenirs

In ICT & Computing, we'll be finding out:

- How to use mapping software

In Society, we'll be finding out:

- How to stay safe on holiday
- What a pilgrimage is

In International, we'll be finding out:

- What is the same and what is different between the lives and home countries of the different children in our class
- How to greet people in different languages
- About future holidays in space