

CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT POLICY STATEMENT GRADE R-5 FOR LEARNERS WITH SEVERE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

LIFE SKILLS

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1. SECTION 2: INTRODUCTION TO LIFE SKILLS

1.1 What is Life Skills?

Life Skills deals with the holistic development of the learner throughout life. It equips learners with knowledge, skills and values that assist them to achieve their full physical, intellectual, personal, emotional and social potential. The subject encourages learners to acquire and practice life skills that will assist them to become independent and effective in responding to life's challenges and to play an active and responsible role in the society within their personal capability. Life Skills is a cross cutting subject that should support and strengthen all the other subjects taught.

This Life Skills learning programme includes relevant concepts from the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) Life Skills and Life Orientation Gr R to 12, Social Sciences, Economic Management Science, as well as Physical Education and Creative Arts.

The subjects Natural Science and Technology, Physical Education and Creative Arts are also components of the Life Skills Subject and are in separate CAPS documents.

1.2 Specific Aims

The Life Skills subject is aimed at guiding and preparing learners for life and its possibilities, including equipping learners for meaningful and successful living in a rapidly changing and transforming society. The goal of Life Skills is to teach the leaner social skills. The engagement with the topics will assist the learner to build positive values, change misconceptions about life issues and to encourage the learner to live for a meaningful life.

This subject will

- 1. guide and support learners to achieve their full physical, intellectual, personal, emotional and social potential;
- 2. teach learners to exercise their constitutional rights and responsibilities and to respect the rights of others;
- 3. guide learners to make informed and responsible decisions (with support) about their health and environment;
- 4. develop skills such as self-awareness, problem-solving, interpersonal relations, leadership, decision-making, and communication to the individual potential of the learner;

- 5. develop learners' skills to respond to real-life situations and play an active and functional role in the economy and society;
- 6. support learners to make decisions about their health, environment, and careers.

1.3 Explaining the Life Skills Study Areas:

The content and concepts for the subject Life Skills have been drawn from the CAPS documents for Life Skills, Life Orientation, Social Sciences (History and Geography); and Economic and Management Sciences (EMS) and were made functionally relevant to the learner's ability to grasp the concepts. Creative Arts and Physical Education also forms part of the Life Skills Subject.

Personal and Social Wellbeing (From the level of Beginning Knowledge):

Personal and Social Wellbeing is an important study area to provide learners with the basic skills to take care of themselves, adopt a healthy life-style and make decisions, learn to be assertive, negotiate, communicate form relationships with people and the environment around them.

- This study area includes social health, emotional health, and relationships with other people and the environment.
- The subject develops learner's knowledge, skills, value and attitudes towards the self and the world.
- Furthermore, the different study areas provide opportunities for learners to practice life skills required to make informed choices regarding personal lifestyle, health and social wellbeing. It also addresses nutrition, sexuality education, diseases (including HIV/AIDS), safety, violence, abuse, environmental health, citizenship and rights and responsibilities.
- Learners will develop the skills to relate positively and make a contribution to family, community and society, deal with challenging situations positively and recognise, develop and communicate their abilities, interests and skills with confidence while practicing the values embedded in the Constitution. Learners will learn to exercise their constitutional rights and responsibilities, to respect the rights of others and to show tolerance for cultural and religious diversity in order to contribute to a democratic society.

Beginning Knowledge forms the basis of the learner's understanding of his/her own body, and interaction with the world around him/her. The subject teaches the learners the names and functions of things they will encounter in daily life and to be confident when expressing themselves in and around the world.

The World of Work topics aims to prepare the learner for life after school. The content has been adapted to allow for the reality the learner will face after school, and has been developed to teach the learner with a severe intellectual disability "street savvy" and other coping mechanisms to

support full inclusion into their communities and society.

Economic and Management Sciences:

Integrated in Life Skills, Economic and Management Sciences prepares the learner to deal with different types of private, public or collective resources to satisfy people's needs and wants. It is a practical subject that equips learners with real-life skills for personal development, to enable the learner to contribute to the community.

Social Sciences:

Social Sciences aims to provide opportunities for learners to look at their own world with fresh, critical eyes and perhaps more importantly aims to introduce learners to a world beyond their everyday realities.

Creative Arts:

The purpose of Creative Arts is to develop learners as creative, imaginative individuals, with an appreciation of the arts. A safe and supportive environment is created for learners to explore, experience and express thoughts, ideas and concepts within an atmosphere of openness and acceptance. Creative Arts provides opportunities for learners to give expression to their feelings and understandings, individually and in collaboration with others. It creates a foundation for balanced creative, cognitive, emotional and social development.

Creative Arts is instructed from grade R until grade 5 and is available in a separate document.

Physical Education:

The development of the learner's gross and fine motor skills and perceptual development is fundamental in the early school years. Physical and motor development is integral to the holistic development of learners. It makes a significant contribution to learners' social, personal and emotional development. Play, movement, games and sport contribute to developing positive attitudes and values. This area focuses on perceptual and locomotor development, rhythm, balance and laterality. The focus in the early years is on games and some activities that will form the basis of participating in sports later on. Physical growth, development, recreation and play are emphasized.

In the later years, Physical Education (PE) aims to develop learners' physical wellbeing and knowledge of movement and safety. During engagement in this study area, learners will develop motor skills and participate in a variety of physical activities. Participation in PE will nurture positive attitudes and values that will assist learners to be physically fit, mentally alert, emotionally balanced and socially well adjusted. Learners will directly experience the benefits of such participation and be better able to understand the importance of a physically active lifestyle. During

movement activities teachers will also address the development of other skills such as relationship skills, problem solving skills and the enhancement of self-esteem.

Physical Education is instructed from grade R until grade 5 and is available in a separate document.

Natural Sciences

The subject Natural Science which forms an integral part of Life Skills has been shaped by the search to understand the natural world through observation, testing and providing ideas, and has evolved to become part of the cultural heritage of all nations. In all cultures and in all times people have wanted to understand how the physical world works and have needed explanation that satisfies them. The subject aims to empower the learner to interact with and understand the world better and to do so safely within their personal ability.

Natural Sciences is instructed from grade 4 until grade 5 and is available in a separate document.

1.4 Teaching in Grade R – 5 (with differentiation)

Learners following the learning programme for Grades R to 5 need support to develop optimally. The National Early Learning Development Standards (NELDS) and the Learning programme for learners with a Profound Intellectual Disability (PID) are important reference documents to be used as resources in the planning of teaching and learning. Activities should be adapted to allow all learners to participate and develop according to their ability. The skills taught in any grade or year lays the foundation for the next year and grade. The programme is designed to support the development of the learner and takes into account physical age as well as developmental age.

The learning programme is written to accommodate those learners with a severe intellectual disability, who are unable to access the Curriculum Assessment Policy Statement. This may also be due to other disabilities, for example, Autism Spectrum Disorder or other developmental, functional, cognitive or behavioural challenges.

The policy provides a learning program from Grade R to Grade 5 (with differentiation). The learning program will span the learner's whole school career as detailed in the table below. The learners will be grouped according to chronological age and ability to access the programme. Staggering grades will allow the learner to fully grasp the concepts being taught. In the description of the topics it has been taken into account that learners may only achieve the outcomes set in the second year in the grade, or that some topics will be repeated and presented in different ways to allow for different learning styles and consolidation of the learning outcomes. The level of

instruction will be pitched to allow the learner to remember, understand and where possible apply the concepts taught. (refer to Blooms' Taxonomy of Educational Objectives: The Classification of Educational Goals).

As a guide for planning, allocating learners to classrooms, and for making activities developmentally appropriate, it is recommended that classes are structured as follows:

Grade (with differentiation)	R			1		2		3		4		5		
Chronological age (year you turn)	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

However, the individual learner's progress and ability should be taken into account when straddling grades or progression between grades / classes is being considered.

One of the most important roles of the teacher is to provide learners with an environment that is safe and conducive to learning, with adequate opportunities to participate and explore the world under the careful guidance and support of the teacher.

The teacher can use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) methods to facilitate participation. (Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) is an umbrella term that encompasses the communication methods used to supplement or replace speech or writing for those with impairments in the production or comprehension of spoken or written language. AAC can be a permanent addition to a person's communication or a temporary aid).

The teacher should provide:

- routine, structured activities, free play, and sport activities for learners that are enjoyable,
- manageable and age appropriate;
- a range of resources for routine, structured activities, free play and sport activities;
- a well-managed, learner-friendly and freely accessible environment.

Learners should not be seated in chairs behind desks for the whole school day. They should be given opportunities to work in various safe spaces that are conducive to learning, such as sitting on carpets or other workspaces (art corner, reading corner, etc). The environment should be free from obstacles to allow the learner to move with ease and comfort and to prevent accidents.

The timetable should consist of routine activities, free activities indoors and outdoors, and structured activities that provides variety of opportunities to learn. In the higher grades (Gr 4 and 5 with differentiation), offer the learner the opportunity to interact with the world around him/her at school in the local community. The purpose of these activities are to provide the learner with life

exposure in real life situations, and to prepare the learner to enter the world of work in whichever way he/she will achieve this; whether in the open labour market, supported employment, sheltered workshops or at home.

1.4.1 Adapted teaching methodology

To accommodate all learners in the class, the teaching methods should be adapted to allow for the individual learner's ability. . General teaching terminology used can be adapted to make the content accessible to the learner who experiences barriers to learning.

For example:

- Know / Remember the learner must be able to say, point to or show pictures/symbols or use assistive devices to answer questions relating to the topic, rather than being able to write answers on a question sheet.
- Understand the learner is able to do the above (know / remember) in other contexts or places
 or situations and is able to give the answers to other persons in the same way. They should be
 able to explain the concept in their own words.
- Apply use what you know / remember to do a task, adapted to your physical ability.
- Indicate / identify the learner must be able to name / list / match / point or use gestures to answer the questions posed to assess the level of knowledge gained. The method used to assess must be adapted to the learner's physical ability, e.g. where one learner will be able to say "yes" a non-verbal learner may use cards / pictures / gestures to indicate "yes".
- Say / Tell / Ask can be rote saying of lists, telling a story or indicating that the learner needs
 attention or assistance from the teacher. It means that the learner will be taught to use AAC,
 sign language or gestures to show answers or use an adapted communication method to give a
 correct answer. (e.g. point to a card with name printed on when asked what is your name)
- How to / do refers to being able to show the skill to perform a task. This will depend on the learner's physical ability, and the adapted method that the teacher used to teach the learner to perform the task. The learner may also need different levels of assistance from the teacher, which can be recorded, e.g. the learner is able to cut on a line with hand over hand assistance from the teacher.

1.4.2 Routine Activities:

In the time allocation for teaching Life Skills, provision is made for Routine Activities. These activities should be scheduled to take place at the beginning, the end and, where needed, at other times during the day. By teaching routine activities, the learner is shown how to develop daily routines and assists to set the tone for each day at school. This time is used for orientation, personal hygiene routine / toilet routine in the morning and before or after break as well as

teaching appropriate meal time behavior and manners. Learners must be encouraged to participate in these activities at their level of functional ability. Initially participation will be teacher guided, and in higher grades it could be an allocated duty for an individual learner based on his/her level of ability based on a class duty list. The topics addressed will vary according to the learner's ability, interest and social / school calendar.

The following are Routine activities:

1. Daily Orientation:

- Date: Year, Month, Day, day of the week
- Weather: Seasons, Today's weather
- Holidays and celebrated days for the coming week / month / term
- Orientation to self, teacher, friends, school
- News worthy items
- 2. Daily Routine:
- Mealtimes collecting food, dishing out, tidy up
- Toilet training and personal hygiene also include shaving and managing menstruation
- Tidy and clean up

2.4.3 Free play activities indoors and outdoors for Grade R to grade 3 with differentiation:

Free play activities can take place either indoors or outdoors or both. All the skills learned and practiced during free play and physical education, support the development of the learner and will assist with learning and teaching.

Examples of free play activities include:

Free play inside

Free play outside

Free art (painting, drawing, modelling)	Water (and mud) play		
Tearing, cutting	Sand play		
Pasting	Sensory play		
Block area	Fantasy play		
Fine motor activities (pencil grip activities, tongs,	Gross motor play (climbing, swinging, balancing etc.)		
tweezers, puzzles, threading, weaving, dressing			
frames, etc.)			
Sand box	Block play		
Fantasy play	Ball play		
Book area	Wheel toys		
Discovery area (interest table, matching /sorting	Construction		

cards, sensory activities)	
Music area	Gardening
Writing area	Caring for animals
Block play	Outside art activities

Tips for teachers when planning for free play for Grade R to Grade 3 with differentiation

The learner(s) with severe intellectual disability may not know what is expected of him/her during this time.

- Begin by modelling the expected behaviour.
- Tell the learners that what is happening is fun, and they may join you.
- Learners will initially only look, then they may start responding, and this may be followed by copying your behaviour or peer behaviour.
- Free creative play will develop later, once the learners have seen and felt the benefit.
- Initially only provide one or two choices of activity, and that may be increased to provide the learners with more choices.
- Structure the time clearly.
- Tell the learners that this is play time and give the options available.
- Remember that the development of play begins with egocentric play, then parallel play and then group play.
- The skill of sharing will only be learned later.
- 2.4.4 Structured Activities

Structured activities are short teaching and learning activities, often guided by the teacher. They can be done with individual learners, in small groups or as a whole class, depending on the nature of the lesson. The concepts, content and skills for structured activities are specified in the study areas in the learning programme. In planning structured activities, follow the guidelines set out in the term programme and bear in mind that the balance between theoretical and practical work should be 20% theory embedded in the practical work and 80% practical work. Allow learners to use all their senses to interact with the concepts being taught. Where practical, use real objects, experiences and places to teach. Songs, poems, stories, shared reading are good ways to engage the learners with the topics being taught. Use posters, collages and art to reinforce the concepts being taught. Worksheets / theory should be limited to 20% of the work being done.

1.4.3 Perceptual Skills

Perception means using the senses to acquire information about the surroundings, environment or situation. The development of perceptual skills in learners is extremely important in laying a foundation for all future development and learning. The development of perceptual skills potentially occurs throughout all learning. Teachers should focus on the development of perceptual skills across all study areas and refer learners for the appropriate therapeutic intervention if any problems are suspected. (Use the School Based Support Team (SBST) or District Based Support Team (DBST) process to effect the referral.

The following are key perceptual skills that teachers should pay attention to:

- Visual perception acquiring and interpreting information through the eyes accurate visual perception enables the learner to read, write and do mathematics;
- Visual discrimination the ability to see similarities, differences and details of objects accurately;
- Visual memory the ability to remember what the eyes have seen and the correct sequence in which things have been perceived;
- Auditory perception acquiring and interpreting information through the ears accurate auditory perception enables the learner to give meaning to what is heard;
- Auditory discrimination the ability to hear similarities and differences in sounds;
- Auditory memory the ability to remember what the ears have heard and the correct sequence in which sounds have been perceived;
- Hand-eye co-ordination the hands and eyes working together when performing a movement, e.g. throwing or catching a ball;
- Body image a complete awareness of one's own body, i.e. how it moves and how it functions;
- Laterality showing an awareness of each side of the body, e.g. which hand is waving;
- Dominance preferring to use one hand or side of the body, i.e. either right or left dominant;
- Crossing the mid-line being able to work across the vertical mid-line of the body, e.g. being able to draw a line from one side of the page to the other without changing the tool from one hand to the other;
- Figure-ground perception being able to focus attention on a specific object or aspect while ignoring all other stimuli, the object of the attention is therefore in the foreground of the perceptual field while all the rest is in the background e.g. being able to read one word in a sentence;
- Form perception the ability to recognise forms, shapes, symbols, letters, etc. regardless of

position, size, background, e.g. can recognise a circle because of its unique shape;

- Spatial orientation the ability to understand the space around the body, or the relationship between the object and the observer, e.g. the hat is on my head.
- 1.4.4 Functional, Behavioural and Emotional development.

Teachers need to pay attention to the holistic development of each learner in the class. The learning programme is written to guide the teacher in providing the learner with opportunities to participate in real life events and interact with situations, objects and people that they will encounter in life. In working with the learners, the teacher will be in a position to assist the learner to have real life experiences that will support them in their development to be healthy, happy, busy human beings. The teacher must focus teaching on functional participation in activities, and encourage the correct behavioural responses in class and outside of the classroom. Assisting learners to deal with positive and negative emotions will help the learner to develop ways to deal with the challenges that life poses. Should the teacher find any functional, emotional or behavioural problems that cannot be addressed in the classroom, the learner must be referred for the required therapeutic intervention. (Use the School Based Support Team (SBST) or District Based Support Team (DBST) process to effect the referral).

1.4.5 World of Work

One of the biggest challenges faced by the learner(s) with severe intellectual disability is making the transition from school to work. The Skills and Vocational learning programme aims to address the transition by preparing the learner for the world of work and by building vocational skills during their school career. In the life skills programme the learner will be equipped with knowledge of the world of work, but it is essential that the learner is exposed to the world of work from age 14 (Grade 4 with differentiation). While some time is allocated to the world of work in the teaching plan for Life Skills, schools must make a priority of providing the learner with real-life exposure to the requirements of the world of work.

- To expose the learners to the requirements set in the world of work, each learner from Grade 4 and 5 must be given an additional task at school that must be done on a daily basis.
 - o It is recommended that this task is done for a person other than the learner's own teacher.
 - This task should not take more than 5 to 10 minutes per day.
 - This task should not interfere with learning and teaching time, i.e. it can be done before or after lessons, during break or in daily routine time.
 - Completion should be monitored by the learner and the other person involved. (This may be a checklist that the learner ticks and the person for whom the task is being done records if the task was done correctly and consistently). This feedback is then sent to the learner's

teacher on a quarterly basis).

- The purpose is to teach the learner responsibility, to provide them with an opportunity to be of service and to practice self-monitoring and reporting.
- It is recommended that these tasks remain the learner's responsibility for at least a term, before being rotated. The maximum time tasks should be allocated to a specific learner, is two terms.
- Each teacher in the school can contribute to this project by providing a list of tasks that needs to be done specific to their class. Suggested tasks could be unlocking classrooms, opening windows, closing windows, collecting food and taking to a class, sweeping, dusting, carrying daily messages, fetching tea, helping other learners in wheelchairs, setting a table for lunch, checking that lights are off at the end of a school day, watering plants, emptying dustbins at the end of the day etc.
- In Grade 5 (with preference being given to the 18 year old learners) learners should (where possible) be given an opportunity to leave the school premises and be exposed to local workplaces at least once a week.
 - When choosing potential learners to participate in the programme and looking at likely jobs, bear in mind the individual learner's preferences, physical and emotional ability and social skills.
 - Arrange with local businesses that learners can shadow specifically identified workers to see and feel what it is like at the workplace, while assisting them with tasks that are within the learner's ability.
 - It is essential that this programme is always coordinated by either a teacher or school based therapist.
 - Learners must be dropped off into the care of a person who has been briefed about the learner's disability, ability, and that the learner is there to learn and participate.
 - Request termly feedback from the person that the learner has shadowed, so that the learner can have a record of the time spent at the workplace.
 - Learners should not be paid or compensated for this work, as it is still part of learning and teaching.
 - The parents of the learners will need to be briefed about this process as well, as it is not a "real job" and they should respect the opportunity offered to the learner, by not interfering at the workplace.
 - Possible jobs in existing companies could include doing parts of routine, entry level jobs under the supervision of the person who is performing the tasks as part of a job in the

company. Examples are: washing dishes, laundry, ironing, raking and collecting leaves, cleaning, planting, assisting a technician, sweeping, preparation of vegetables, packing, dusting shelves etc.

- Learners can practice signing registers, requesting leave, reporting problems as part of this programme with the support of the coordinating teacher or therapist.
- Remember to follow the Department of Education's rules for learner outings, transport forms and indemnities when arranging the outings. Refer to Addendum A for a draft indemnity letter that is designed to meet the workplace's requirements and a draft letter that can be sent to the workplace to standardize the process.

1.4.6 Safety at school and at home

Learners with a severe intellectual disability are not always able to make abstract judgements, and they are often not able to apply learned knowledge from one topic to the next. Impulsive behaviour as well as the inability to make fast decisions can easily lead to learners finding themselves in, or being exposed to dangerous situations. The teacher must therefore use every possible opportunity to remind the learner about the safety requirements of tasks, tools, equipment and environments used. Using routines or rhymes to remind learners of safe ways to do tasks must be a part of everyday work in the classroom and at home. Teaching the learners how to ask for help is integral to many of the topics covered in the learners to create a challenging learning and teaching environment where they can safely explore their world without being afraid or getting hurt.

1.5 Resources

Human Resources

An appropriately qualified teacher registered with SACE in line with the Collective Agreement 5 of 2001 is required to teach Life Skills.

Suggested Structural Resources Required:

- Classroom with sufficient space to accommodate the appropriate furniture for learners with a severe intellectual or other disability.
- Carpeted area / working space
- Space / furniture for safe storage of learner's bags, and stock
- Pin board for charts, pictures etc.
- Blackboard / whiteboard
- Easily accessed washing up area (sink / tub with workspace)

- Nearby and easily accessed ablution facility.
- Access to gardens, kitchen and basic household kitchen equipment, simulated bedroom and living area.
- Office equipment such as a computer, copier, printer, laminator etc. to make adapted Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM).
- Internet Access.

Suggested Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM) required:

The following is recommended learning and teaching support material for the classroom. Teachers should adapt the LTSM according to the needs of learners.

This recommended material for learners includes (but is not limited to):

- bean bags, ropes, hoops, balls of different sizes, balancing beams/planks/tyres, outdoor play equipment (tyres, jungle gym, climbing ropes, trees), scarves/strips of cloth, bats, containers (bowls, buckets, tins to be used as targets), skittles/bottles (as targets), hard, flat open surface, sticks, storage containers, swings, bricks, cones, balloons
- dry media: wax crayons, paper, oil pastels, chalk, colouring pencils, felt-tipped pens, charcoal, sand, pens and pencils
- wet media: paint, ink, dyes, mud, food colouring, fragranced oil
- brushes of different sizes
- sheets of paper or scrap paper in various sizes and colours
- earthenware clay, paper maché, play dough, mud
- beads (glass, paper, plastic), straws, macaroni, shells, etc. for threading
- tin foil, wool, string, pegs, stones, seeds, old newspapers/magazines
- glue, cardboard strips for glue applicators, scissors, pre-mixed starch
- paperclips, and other stationary
- CD player, CDs, musical instruments / homemade instruments
- old clothes, utensils, containers, to be used as 'props' for fantasy and dramatic play
- electrical equipment like a kettle, toaster etc.
- puzzles and other manipulative educational toys, bought and home made
- pictures, posters, wall charts
- globes, maps of the world, maps of Africa, maps of South Africa, maps of the local area

- information and story books (library)
- shared readers
- plastic lens/ magnifying glass
- people older family members and invited guests
- scrapbooks and workbooks
- basic first aid kits
- Learn Not To Burn book
- basic self care kits, puberty kits, menstrual care kits
- concrete objects for some topics
- play toys like plastic farm, wild animals and transportation objects
- money (as realistic as possible)
- puppets
- SA Flag and national symbols
- Safety Signs and Personal Protective Equipment used at various workplaces
- Posters from Department of Health, SASSA etc. on basic healthcare, benefits etc.
- Chemicals used in a house
- Tools and Equipment used in a house
- Newspapers, Magazines

1.6 Time allocation

Time Allocation: Learning Programme for Learners with a severe intellectual disability

• 27.5 hours teaching time per week

X	Subject	Time Allocation per w	reek
		Grade R to 3	Grade 4 to 5
GENERAL EDUCATION SUBJECTS	Home Language	10 hours	6 hours
	First Additional Language		2 hours

	Mathematics	5 hours	3 hours
	Life Skills	12.5 hours	8.5 hours
ELECTIVES	Skills Subjects (at least 3 electives)		8 hours - 2 hours in schools instructing 4 electives and 2,5 hours in schools instructing 3 electives. (The 0.5 hour can be allocated to Life Skills in schools who instruct 3 electives)
Total:		27.5 hours per week	27.5 hours per week

The learning programme provides for 27.5 hours per week for learners of all age groups. Teachers should note the following:

- Although the policy prescribes fixed time allocation, the teacher may use his/her discretion for flexibility, thus adapting the programme to cater for specific needs of learners.
- Learners following this programme may need to be taught basic life skills. Time can be allocated to teach these learners the relevant skills, such as eating, personal hygiene or toileting, etc.
- Mealtimes can be included into the learning and teaching time.
- Rest times (grade R learners) can be part of the daily programme, to accommodate those learners who may experience challenges.
- The goal is to challenge the learners to reach their own personal optimal level of functioning thus preparing them for the open labor market.

Time Allocation: Life Skills: Grade R to 3 per week

			LIFE SKILLS COMPONENTS	TIME ALLOCATION
Total time allocated = 12.5 hours per week	Life Skills and Physical Education	9 hours	Routine Activities: 30 minutes per day	2.5 hours
			Free Play per 5 day week	2 hours
			Personal and Social Wellbeing & Beginning Knowledge, Social Sciences	3.5 hours
			Physical Education per 5 day week	1 hour
	Creative arts	3.5 hours	Creative arts per 5 day week	3.5 hours
TOTAL		12,5 hours	TOTAL	12,5 hours

Time Allocation: Life Skills: Grade 4 to 5 per week

		C	LIFE SKILLS COMPONENTS	TIME ALLOCATION
Total time allocated	Life Skills and	6 hours	Routine Activities	2 hours
= 8.5 hours per week	Physical Education		Physical Education	1 hour
	3		Life Skills, Economic and Management Sciences, Social Sciences	3 hours (0.5 hour can be allocated to Life Skills in schools who instruct in 3 Skills electives)
\circ	Creative arts	1 hour	Creative arts	1 hour
	Natural Sciences	1,5 hour	Natural Sciences	1,5 hour

1.7 Topics

- The learning programme is designed with the knowledge that the learner with a severe intellectual disability needs more time and revision to master new knowledge and skills.
- The programme draws from topics covered in the Grade R to 12 Life Skills / Life Orientation CAPS (and other subjects as noted above) and has been adapted to allow for graded and repeated exposure to the key concepts being taught.
- Topics have been carefully chosen to build upon each other and to allow the learner to use previously learned information to master new concepts.
- The teacher in the class should straddle the content according to the learners' progress and ability.
- Use the topics as a means to integrate the content from the different study areas where possible and appropriate.
- Teachers may adapt the topics so that they are suitable for their school contexts, but the core topics need to be covered in the learning programme. Use the daily routine activity time to reflect on topics previously taught or that may be newsworthy items.
- Additional topics may be included to enhance the learning and understanding of content. The topics should be age appropriate and relevant to the learner, school environment, local community, festivals & special days, and news.
- It is recommended that, at least once per year, the learners are taken on an excursion to experience real life situations. These excursions can be to a local business or park to create opportunities for the learners to have real life experiences and to interact with new people.

1.8 Weighting of topics

The curriculum is designed to span across 40 weeks of the academic year, that is 10 weeks per term. Nine weeks are to be used for learning and teaching and 1 week for assessment. The one week for assessment must not be scheduled at the end of the 9 week cycle, but should be included as school based assessment on an ongoing basis or for specific assessment tasks. The learning programme allows for instructing twenty percent (20%) subject content which should be embedded in teaching the learners to execute the skills. This implies that theoretical lessons should not be instructed in isolation, but during the teacher's demonstration that takes place before the learners practise the skills. The learners are required to utilize eighty percent (80%) of the time to practise the various skills in the classroom

1.9 Sequencing and progression

The order for the topics provided is designed to follow the important principles of Early Childhood Education. The topics begin with what is familiar to the learner (Me statements) and progress to less familiar topics and in the higher grades to survival skills and workplace related skills aimed to prepare the learner for leaving school. Therefore sequencing and progression have been built into the design of the topics. The sequence of the topics may be changed or relevant topics added, but teachers should pay attention to the progression of topics through the years and grades as well as the level at which the topic is addressed when adapting sequence of presenting topics and adding new topics.

2. SECTION 3:

OVERVIEW OF TOPICS PER TERM AND ANNUAL TEACHING PLANS:

	GRADE R with	GRADE 1 with	GRADE 2 with	GRADE 3 with	
	differentiation	differentiation	differentiation	differentiation	
	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	
	Me and my school Me and my body	Me and my school	Me and my community What do I need to live?	Changes in me My feelings and	
	Me and my emotions	Everybody is special	Me and other people	emotions	
	My first (primary	(me too)	Senses	Me and my time-line	
	colours) Blue, Yellow	Me and my emotions		Me and my Rights and	
	and Red around us	Colours around us:		Responsibilities	
		Primary and Secondary			
		colours			
	Term 2	Term 2	Term 2	Term 2	
JCe	Senses	Me at Home	Seasons	Insects	
ciel	Healthy eating habits	Me and my Family	Creatures living in	Life Cycles	
al	Fruit	How to keep myself	water: Ocean,	Recycling	
200	Vegetables	safe and my body	River, Pond.	Keeping my body safe	
ersonal and Social Wellbeing, Social Science	Mixed secondary	healthy	Animals and their		
Dell	colours orange, green	Colours have meanings	shelters		
vell	and purple around us		Farm and wild animals		
			done in grade R and 1		
000	Term 3	Term 3	Term 3	Term 3	
	Me and my family	Good basic healthy	Transport	Public Safety	
	Me and my home	habits	Road Traffic Safety	Pollution	
	Transport	Plants and Seeds	People who help us	Space	
L	Look, colour has no	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit and Vegetables	
age	shape or size	Vegetables	Vegetables		
A le	Term 4	Term 4	Term 4	Term 4	
	Water	Water	Water	Products and	
6ui	Pets	Different types of	Our Country South	Processes.	
uuit	Farm animals	houses	Africa	Where does	
ре С	Wild animals	Pets	Communication in our	food/clothes/money	
Life Skills: Beginning knowledge,	Colour can be light and	Wild animals	world	come from?	
0KI	dark	Farm animals	Night Life	Creatures and Animals	
D				that can help us	

			GRADE 4 with differentiation	GRADE 5 with differentiation
Health and Development	environ-mental of the Self	responsibility	Term 1 Positive Self Concept Formation Understanding Emotions Changes in boys and girls (puberty) Healthy eating & dietary habits Substance Abuse	Term 1 Positive Self Concept Formation Challenging situations: depression, grief, loss, trauma crisis and My Disability Sexuality, Relationships and Friendships How to do your own budget: Income and expenditure Decision Making about Health and Safety Social Factors that contribute to substance abuse
Social	Responsibility		Cultural rites of passage	Diversity: Life events and social interactions Democracy, Citizenship
World of	Work		What is Work? The Rules of the Workplace History of Money	Workplace rules and processes Decision Making Process
Development	of the Self		Term 2 Personal experience of Working in a group Relationships with different people (peers, strangers, older people, supervisors Good leaders / good followers	Term 2 Goal Setting Skills Career Choices and Opportunities
Health and	environmental	responsibility	Food hygiene and storage	Basic First Aid in different situations Environmental Health Issues & Safety in and around the house
Social	Responsibility		Human Rights and Responsibility Rights and Responsibilities of a Young Adult	Human Rights Violations, Gender Equity UIF, Tax, Social Grants, Trade Unions, Medical Aid, Pension
World of Work			Value and Importance of Work in fulfilling personal needs and potential How to use money wisely / wants and needs	Documentation that I need: ID, Bank account, Disability grant, CV; filling in forms with personal details Safety Signs, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

		Term 3	Term 3
ŝnt		Abilities, Interests and potential	Options for my future
bme	belf	Dealing with peer pressure, bullying, child	Goal setting for my future
Development	of the Self	abuse and violent situations	
Dev	of tl		
		HIV & AIDS education basic facts.	Dealing with stress & Constructive free time
	ntal	Traffic Rules relevant to road users	Orientation to my town, finding the police
and	ime		station, hospital, fire brigade, Social
Health and	environmental	Traffic Rules relevant to road users	Development, store, house etc.
Hea	env		Using a map
		Dealing with abuse and violent situations	Cultural Diversity: Introduction to other
	ility		religions, cultures
	disr		Understanding Discrimination
cial	Responsibility		
Social	Res		
		The Rules of the Workplace, and what I am	Develop interview skills: practice going for a
		NOT allowed to do	job interview
		Economic Cycle	Time Management Skills: Understanding
			leave, working times, discipline at the
/ork			workplace
of ∧			Pricing and accounting
World of Work			What to do when I earn a salary. Minimum
Ň			wage
		Term 4	Term 4
Development	Ŧ	Me and my disability	Basic Problem Solving at home and in the
lopr	e Self	Receiving and giving feedback	community
evel	of the	Asking for help & problem solving	Volunteerism
Ď	ð		
	al	Dangers in and around my house and	Health and Safety issues, Basic First Aid and
p	environmental	environment. Local Environmental health problems Common diseases: TB Diabetes, epilepsy, obesity, anorexia, HIV & Aids	Health Risks
h an	muc	Local Environmental health problems	Personal diet and Nutrition
Health and	vire	Common diseases: TB Diabetes, epilepsy,	
Ĭ	e		
	ity	Gender stereotyping, sexism and abuse	Democratic structures and democratic
	lidi		participation
le	Responsibility		
Social	esp		
S	R	The Pulse of the Workplace: Cood attitudes to	Acking for work
		The Rules of the Workplace: Good attitudes to	Asking for work
d of		have at work	Presenting self to potential employer,
World of	Work	Simulation of Career related activities	Explain my disability.
3	\$	Banking, saving and using an ATM	What is on a payslip, deductions and benefits

2.1 Teaching plans

Each term comprises of ten weeks and 9 hours Life Skills instructional time is compulsory for learners between the ages of five (5) and fourteen (14) years. The sequence within the term is not compulsory and the teacher may cover the learning content and skills in any appropriate sequence. Learners are three years in grade R with differentiation, and two (2) years in grade 1 to 3 with differentiation.

The Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Act 85 of 1993 requires the teacher to comply with the safety regulations when issuing equipment to the learners and the teacher may not leave learners unattended during Life Skills instructional time.

2.1.1 Grade R term 1

Learners are three years in grade R and the learning content in the tables make provision for more difficult content to be taught during the second and third year in grade R to ensure that progression takes place.

	GRADE R LIFE SKILLS - TERM 1 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
			Teachers must remember to stop thinking about their classrooms within strictly confined terms and be open to ideas that are outside of the norm. As a teacher you might just find a creative idea that transforms some of the suggestions in this document. Creative ideas can come from anywhere at any time so always keep your eyes, ears, and mind open! Add your own ideas and create a lively, dynamic teaching and learning experience for all. Below are some guidelines and ideas to assist you with the topics. Let your planned assessment (see week 10) guide your planning for daily classroom activities. Please note that the learner will be in Grade R for three years. The Grade R programme is intended to prepare learners for learning and teaching to be	

GRADE R LIFE SKILLS - TERM 1 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND				AL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDE	LINES
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
DURATION Week 1&2	Me and my school	 The learner must be able to: Know/Remember personal detail - my name, my picture or symbol, my family, class, transport Know name of school and the teacher and friends Know play areas Know toilets location and routine of toilet activity Know that there are rules in the school Remember rules of the class Work together in a group in the class 	 encountered in Grade R and higher. It is extremely important to make the new lease setting. The learners in their second year in learners. Keep the personal details to the basic life (photo of the learner or a picture allocated class, where to put the suitcase, where to in bathroom etc). Make name tags for every learner with their name and a unique symbol. Know that the family has members: mom, dad, siblings, and grandparents. The toilet routine activity takes place daily. The teacher has to introduce the toilet routine to the learners and they must develop an awareness of sequence/o. Routine of toilet activity: It doesn't matter latrine) the learner uses, there are certain by o Sit on the toilet, 	n grade R can be helpers with the new ke name, surname, family and a symbol d to the learner to help recognise place in hang the facecloth etc, on desk, on chair, Sarah Mono ABC Special School Teacher: Ms Duo rder of the toilet routine. what toilet (flush toilet, squad toilet or pit
			 Sit on the toilet, Wipe yourself, Leave the toilet clean for others, Wash your hands. Rules in every school and class will differ, here 	nere are some suggestions:
			 Rules in every school and class will differ, h Walk - don't run, 	here are some suggestions:

	GRADE R LIFE SKILLS - TERM 1 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
			 Use inside voices inside and outside voices outside, 	
			\circ be nice to friends and teachers (include other staff or adults at the school),	
			 listen and do your best, 	
			 o ask for help, 	
			\circ sit down when told to.	
			• Remember to phrase rules in positive terms - tell the learner what to do. This is a fun	
			activity for the class to work together on this project.	
			Class rules must be visible to learners on posters using pictures and text	
Week 3&4	Me and my body	Understand what makes me	• Make sure that every learner knows that they are special. Tell a story about a special	
		special - name, gender,	child in the school, community or even a hero from the past on the level of the	
		language	learners infront of you. Story time is a great way to introduce and reintroduce the	
		 Identify parts of the body - 	body parts to learners.	
		head, shoulders, arms, hands,	• Learners must learn to respect other people, even though they may look or speak	
		fingers, legs, knees, feet, toes	differently.	
		Indicate function of body parts	• Body parts and the function of the parts can be introduced with an action song,	
		Show my likes and dislikes	videos, books, flashcards, during daily routine activities like you use your fingers to	
			pick up the blocks and your legs to walk to the swing or your arms to hug your friend	
			etc.	
			• Likes and dislikes can be introduced with favourite and not so favourite food and this	
			can expand to other likes and dislikes for example weather, clothes, music, games,	
			toys etc. Present learners with concrete choices before moving to photos, pictures or	
			symbols.	

	GRADE R LIFE SKILLS - TERM 1 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
Week 5&6	Me and my emotions	 Recognise emotions – happy, sad, scared, mad and worried Show my emotions in a good way Understand and verbalise how to say sorry 	This topic can be used to teach the learners how to react to their emotions. Remember that in the early school years, learner's emotional states are situation specific and can change as rapidly from one activity to another. Grade R learners need guidance to help them interpret their own feelings and emotions and to interact. Remember that being hungry is a feeling that can be used to teach learners how emotions can make their bodies feel. Give the learner permission to express emotions and feelings appropriately (this means you can say or show that you are mad but you are not allowed to hurt others to show you are mad) without inducing shame or guilt. Make use of inexpensive ideas to make apparatus, flashcards and posters, like using paper plates and ice cream sticks to draw line figures of faces showing emotions.	
Week 7 - 9	My first (Primary) Colours yellow, blue and red around us	 Recognise natures colour for yellow is the sun and fruit like banana and apple. Recognise natures colour for blue is the sky and water Recognise natures colour for red is flowers and blood and fruit like apple. Identify colours yellow blue and red in items and objects 	Teaching colours is an easy task because we don't have to buy anything to do it. We only need persistence and repetition. Bear in mind that recognizing of day and night is easily linked to the colours black and white. This is a technique that the teacher can use to design down for the learners who struggle with identifying the primary colours. Tip: When the teacher shows the learner an object to identify colour say a "red apple", use the word colour together with the name of the object. Instead of saying "this is red" it is better to say "this is an apple and its colour is red" Remember that learners will be able to point out the right colour long before they can say its name. In the beginning of the process ask them to pick up all the yellow, blue and	

DURATION The learner must be able to:	ARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES
around us red	
Sug • U • U • U • U • U • U • U • U	pieces and if they do not know, show them a few until they catch on what you are ing them to do. ggested activities for learners: Use some pieces of A3 paper and draw a large circle on each one. Pin the circles on different walls in the classroom. Model the activity: Say "Yellow/Blue/Red", take the specific colour crayon, walk over to one circle and color a small part of the circle. Do this for each color you plan to teach. Then, say a colour ("yellow/blue/red") to a learner and s/he should pick up the yellow crayon and go over to the circle you coloured in yellow. Let him/her colour it a little and then call him/her back. Continue with other learners. You can also play the game "I spy with my eye". The Teacher says, "I spy with my little eye something that is yellow/blue/red". Learners try to guess the object in the room (e.g. "a pencil"). Have learners touching things in the colour that the Teacher shouts out (e.g. "Touch something yellow/blue/red") by using coloured blocks, toys etc. Inners enjoy these games. If a learner is not able to touch or walk to the object nember to adapt the activity for learners according to their physical and cognitive ity. Use Games, Pictures and Real objects and items in primary colours.

SUGGESTED LIFE SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Assessment is formally recorded during the term with a minimum of 1 formal and 4 practical goals reported on, excluding Physical Education and Creative Arts assessment goals. Δ

ME AND MY SCHOOL

First Year:	Second Year	Third Year
Respond to own name	Know own name and surname	Understand and obey class rules
Know teacher and her name	Know the name of the school	 Understand and obey school rules
Identify and match basic school equipment	Know and Identify teacher and friends	Independently take part in classroom activities
Know play/toilet areas in class and outside	Name classroom equipment	and routines
Take part in classroom activities and routines	Take part in classroom activities and routines	Work in a group
ME AND MY BODY		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Know his/her name and surname	Know he/she is special	Name body parts
Know his/her gender	 Identify genders of friends and class mates 	Describe function of body parts
Identify all parts of the face	Identify body parts	Indicate likes and dislikes
	Show function of parts of the body	
ME AND MY EMOTIONS		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Know emotions happy/sad	Know emotions happy/sad/scared/mad	Describe and show emotions happy/sad/
Show emotions	Show emotions in a good way	scared/mad/worried
		Understand and verbalise emotions

MY FIRST (PRIMARY	COLOURS	BLUE.	YELLOW	AND RED	AROUND US	
		OOLOONO	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,				

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Understand that colours exist	Identify and name colours yellow/blue	Identify and name colours yellow/blue/red
Know colour yellow	Match and identify colours in different objects	Collect and match colours in different objects
Match yellow in different objects		

2.1.2 Grade R term 2

	GRADE R	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 - BEGINNIN	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week 1 to 4	Senses	 Hear Identify where does sound come from? Identify ears Recognise sound hard and soft Care for my ears See Look at items and objects around me Identify eyes Identify light, dark Care for my eyes? Feel Identify different items and objects by feeling them Identify textures - hard, soft, smooth, rough, cold, warm Recognise that: I feel when I touch and I touch with my hands skin 	With this topic the learners will explore the five senses of sound, sight, touch, smell and taste. During this theme learners identify, compare and classify items as they investigate the world around them. The best way to teach learners about their senses is to have them use them. Actually hear, see, touch, smell and taste Focus on: Sounds (loud, soft) Have them make loud noises and listen to soft music Seeing and not seeing - blindfolds can be used. Textures (soft, hard, scratchy) Have them feel fur, sand paper, and other textured objects. Familiar smells (things they smell often, like food, flowers etc.) Have them smell items and tell them what they smell Simple tastes (sweet, sour, salty) Have them taste food and spices. Here are some ideas for class projects: The class or individuals can work together to compile a book or books about their senses. The activity should be fun for all and everybody should participate regarding his or her ability. Cut pictures from magazines, newspapers, and advertisements or even draw pictures to paste into the book.
		hands skinSmell	

GRADE R LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week 5	Healthy eating habits	 Identify smells I like Identify the nose Recognise stinky smells and nice smells Taste Identify tastes I like Identify mouth and tongue Identify/Recognise salty, sweet, sour Recognise a clean eating environment. Identify plate, cup, knife, fork, spoon Discover and identify healthy food Discover and identify unhealthy food 	A class project can also be where you can paste pictures or pack real objects or items according to the senses. The 5 Senses Supporting healthy eating is of utmost importance. Teachers can be positive role models by discussing why healthy eating is important for them personally and by taking healthy choices for their snacks and lunches. Use positive reinforcement in the classroom when learners make healthy choices, and to use non-food or healthy foods for rewards. Learners must learn that before they eat a meal or snack that they should wash their hands. Teacher can make a chart with the steps for washing hands. The chart must be appropriate for specific class situations. If there is no running water make the chart appropriate with a bucket and soap and towel. Teacher and Learners can play a game with healthy and unhealthy food: Make use of two (2) white paper plates and learners must choose which one is the healthy or unhealthy food and sort it according to the healthy and unhealthy plate. Real food can also be used in the game.
Week 6	Fruit	Identify different fruit -	The learner learns the names of the fruit indicated in the content and talk about the

			G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
		Apple/Banana/Grapes/Pear/Pe	taste, shape (link with mathematics), colour (Link with topics of colour in Life Skills) and
		ach	texture of the fruit. The fruit can be displayed on the daily interest table for the learners
		• /Orange	to observe.
		Recognise the taste and	Learners can make a fruit salad.
		textures of fruit	A rhyme can be introduced to the learners about fruit.
		Recognise shapes and colours	Build puzzles with a fruit theme.
		of fruit	Sing a song about fruit.
Week 7	Vegetables	Identify different vegetables	The learner learns the names of the vegetables indicated in the content and talk about
		Carrot/Cabbage/Beans/Potato/	the taste, shape, colour and texture of the vegetables. The vegetables can be displayed
		Pumpkin/ Onion/Beetroot	on the daily interest table for the learners to observe.
		Taste and textures of	Learners can make soup.
		vegetables	A rhyme can be introduced to the learners about vegetables.
		Shapes and colours of	Build puzzles with a vegetable theme.
		vegetables	Sing a song about vegetables.
Week 8 & 9	Mixed	Recognise natures colour for	A secondary color is a color made by mixing
	(Secondary)	orange is fire and fruit like	two or more primary colors in a given color
	colours orange,	orange and peach.	space.
	green and	Recognise natures colour for	Make use of term 1 ideas to introduce the
	purple around	green is plants and fruit like	different secondary colours.
	us	apple and pear.	blue yellow green
		Recognise natures colour for	Jue yenow green
		purple is flowers and fruit like	
		grapes.	blue red purple

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	GRADE R LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING				
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES		
DURATION		The learner must be able to:			
		Identify colours orange, green			
		and purple in items and objects			
		around us.			

SENSES		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Develop an appreciation for senses	Identify and name different senses	Connects all the five senses to the world around
Show the different senses	hear/see/feel/smell/taste	him/her
hear/see/feel/smell/taste	Know difference between senses	
HEALTHY EATING HABITS		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Describe a clean eating environment	Discuss clean eating environments	Discuss the importance of clean eating
Match crockery and cutlery	Collect and match crockery and cutlery	environments
 Identify healthy/unhealthy food 	 Identify and name healthy/unhealthy food 	Understand the functions of crockery and cutlery
		Discuss importance of healthy food
		Discuss unhealthy food and its risks
FRUIT		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Become aware of familiar and a variety of fruit	Match and name apple/banana/grapes/pear	Identify the colour, taste, texture and shape of
Identify and show apple/banana	Match and name the colour of	apple/banana/grapes/pear/peach/orange
Identify the colour of apple/banana	apple/banana/grapes/pear	Discuss the importance of eating fruit every day
Recognise the taste of apple/banana	Recognise the taste of apple/banana/grapes/pear	
	Indicate that fruit has different shapes	

VEGETABLES		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
 Become aware of familiar and a variety of vegetables Identify carrots/cabbages Match the colour of a carrot/cabbage Recognise the taste of a carrot/cabbage 	 Name carrot/cabbage/potato/pumpkin Name the colour of carrot/cabbage/potato/pumpkin Recognise the taste of carrot/cabbage /potato/pumpkin Label that vegetables have shapes 	 Identify the colour, taste, texture and shape of carrot/cabbage/potato/pumpkin/onion /beetroot Understands the importance of eating vegetables every day
MIXED COLOURS – ORANGE/GREEN/PURPLE		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Indicate that colours exist	Indicate colours yellow/blue/red/orange/green	Know colours yellow/blue/red/orange/green/
Know colour yellow/blue/red/orange	Match and show colours in different objects	purple
Match yellow/blue/red/orange in different objects		Label colours in different objects

2.1.3 Grade R term 3

	GRADE R LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING		
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week 1&2	Me and my family	 Recognise what a family is? Talk about family members? Tell about family activities. Discuss caring for one another 	We live in a diverse world. The concept of the stereotypical family (mom/dad/siblings/grandparents etc.) does not prevail in our society as it once did. More children are being raised by single parents, by same-sex parents, in blended families and in families with mixed race, religion and ethnicity. It is important to teach anti bias lessons and to help learners recognize and accept differences and see similarities beyond the surface. Learners must be assured that differences are fine. The introduction to families that may not be like their own, in particular, encourages tolerance and acceptance because they see that, even within their own classroom, everyone's family is unique!
			Every learner can make a personalised book with each or some of these sentences at the bottom of each page. Make a large square in the middle of each page for the learner to make/paste a picture/photo of that sentence as to how it applies to their family. Title of each page: Page 1: This is me! My name is Page 2: This is my family, Page 3: I live in a house. Page 4: I like to play with a Page 5: I like to eat Page 6: My favourite toy is Page 7: My favourite place to eat with my family is Page 8: My favourite thing to do with my family is

	GRADE	R LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 - BEGINNIN	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week 3&4	Me and my home	• Discuss who lives in the house of the family. (Revise family)	Keep in mind that homes (building) will differ in every province. Use this topic and make it appropriate for the
		• Explain what they do at home? (Revise activities at home)	specific province. Be sensitive to every learner's home circumstances.
		 Identify rooms in the house - kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, 	The teacher and learners will enjoy to make and decorate a
		and living area.	cardboard house that will allow their imaginations to run wild.
		Explain his/her place and work/responsibility at home	
Week 5 to 7	Transport	Develop a concept of what	This topic is to familiarise learners with what transportation is: to carry from one place to
		transport isIdentify a car, boat, bicycle,	another. Show the different methods of travel. Play a game like: Be a Have the learners
		bus, taxi, aeroplane, train	pretend to be a car, aeroplane, boat, train, taxi etc.
		Indicate how he/she/friends	Boat
		comes to school?	• Make a boat of an old box with low sides. Provide the learners with life preservers
			and sailors hats (made from paper) to wear. Make use of fantasy clothes to introduce
			the other transport methods.
			Block Area Ideas
			Have the learners create an airport, neighborhood, highway, lake etc.
			Aboard the Colour Train:
			• Cut out many "tickets" from different colours of construction paper. Give each learner
			three or four tickets. Tell the learners that you are the conductor of a Colour Train
			and they can ride the train if they have a ticket that matches the colour you call. Set

	GRADE R LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING		
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
			up chairs or have the learners line up to march around the room. Announce "All
			aboard the Red Train" or the colour of your choice. Have the learners give you their
			ticket and have them march around the room. After a minute, announce a new
			colour. Variations: use numbers, letters or shapes instead of colours.
Week 8 & 9	Look, colour has	Identify the colours taught in	When you show a learner an apple and say the colour is green, it is possible for the
	no shape or size	term 1 and two	learner to remember the shape of the apple and think this is the meaning of green. You
		Understand that colours have	must also show an apple that is not green.
		no shape or size	Through our examples, we need to help our learners learn that color has no shape.
			Green can be an apple, a fabric or a leaf.
			Through our examples, we need to help our learners learn that colour has no size.
			Green can be small, it can be big and it can be huge.
			Through our examples, we need to help our learners learn that colour can be seen
			outside or inside. Green can be on a tree and it can be in the closet.
			Through our examples, we need to help our learners learn that colour can have different
			textures. Green can be smooth (apple) or rough (grass).

ME AND MY FAMILY		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Show a family	Know what a family is	Explain and understand what a family is
Match words or pictures of what makes up a	Know what makes up a family	Know and label what makes up a family
family	mom/dad/siblings/grandparents	mom/dad/siblings/grandparents/extended family
	Know that no two families are alike	Describe and explain family activities
		Understand caring for members of the family
ME AND MY HOME		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Select what a home is	Know what a home is	Understand and demonstrate own responsibility
Give examples of what families do around their	Compare what family activities happen around	in the house
homes	the house	Understand and compare responsibilities of family
Match pictures of a house's walls/a	Identify and label the structure of the house	members in a home
roof/door/windows/rooms inside the house	walls/a roof/door/windows/chimney/garden	
/kitchen/bedroom/bathroom/living area	 Identify and name rooms in the house 	
	kitchen/bedroom/bathroom/living area/extended	
	areas	

TRANSPORT		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Developing concept of transport	Identify what transport is	Understand what transport is
Match words or pictures of a car/bicycle/bus/taxi	Identify and name	Identify/Name and Compare
Select own transport	car/bicycle/bus/taxi/train/aeroplane	car/bicycle/bus/taxi/train/aeroplane/boat
	Identify and give examples of own transport	Name/Identify and discuss own transport and that
		of class mates
LOOK, COLOUR HAS NO SHAPE OR SIZE		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Indicate yellow/blue/red/orange	Identify colours yellow/blue/red/orange/green	Know and name colours
Match colours yellow/blue/red/orange in different	List colours in different objects	yellow/blue/red/orange/green/purple
objects	Understand that colours have no size	Label colours in different objects
Understand that colours have no size		Compare that colours have no size or shape

2.1.4 Grade R term 4

GRADE R LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week 1 & 2	Water	Identify rain	Water is everywhere in our lives. Without much thought, we bathe in it, drink it, cook with
		Recognise drinking water	it, and wash our hands over and over on a daily basis. And in spite of its everyday
		Know that water is life	status, there's still something special about it, especially for children. They'll scoop,
		Understand that we have to	pour, and explore, over and over again.
		save water	Water is a great theme that you could explore for weeks or even months! Learners can
		 Understand water safety 	explore the physical properties of water, the changing states of water, rain and water's
			role in nature, the many uses for water, and the change that water can quickly bring
			about. Make sure that learners understand the importance of saving water!
			Float & Sink:
			• Learners predict whether a set of items will float or sink. Place a set of items into two
			groups (float/sink) on a floor mat, according to the learner's predictions. Working at
			tables, learners work in pairs or as a group with the teacher to test the items (Bottle
			cap, coin, marble, feather, toy fish, etc.) in the water. Then, check their predictions.
			Here is a fun activity:
			• It seems too simple for many adults to consider, but from a learner's point of view,
			painting with water is a fascinating activity! Paint cups filled only with water and a
			brush transfer disappearing patterns on chalkboards or sidewalks.
			Here are some important rules for water safety:
			Never swim alone always have an adult watch you.
			If you can't swim don't go into the water.

	GRADE R LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
			Always walk around a pool because running would be dangerous.	
			Never push somebody into the pool.	
Week 3 & 4	Pets	Identify pets	A Pets Topic is fun! Also, pets are fun at home and at school, but they also come with a	
		Dog/Cat/Bird/Fish/Hamster	lot of responsibility! Take your learners love and fascination of pets as an opportunity to	
		• Care for pets - food, water,	teach!	
		shelter, don't tease	This theme will help you to teach them what is involved in choosing and caring for a pet!	
			Here are some activities and ideas for your classroom.	
			Pet Care Puppet Show	
			Bring a puppet or two to circle time. Like a cat, a dog and a fish.	
			Have the puppets talk to the learners about what people need to do to keep their pets healthy and safe.	
		C.	• "I'm a dog. If I bark at the door, what do you think I need? What else do dogs need?"	
			Game: Do you have a pet?	
			• Ask the learners what types of animals would make a good pet. List all their	
			responses. List the learners who have a pet. Remember that not all learners have a	
			pet and may feel left out if the discussion is ONLY about those who DOES have a	
			pet! Also list what type of pet each learner would have if they had to choose one!	
			Pet Store for the play area:	
			 Provide a table with stuffed animals, cash registers, boxes to carry "pets" in, play 	
			money.	
			Vet's Office	

	GRADE R LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINES	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
			• Provide stuffed animals, bandages, doctor kits, large white shirts (for doctor coats),	
			clipboards and crayons.	
			Find the Feather!	
			• Hide a feather in the classroom or outside for the learners to find! Or, hide a stuffed	
			animal! The learners will LOVE playing Hide and Seek!	
Week 5 & 6	Farm animals	Identify farm animals -	Make use of flashcards and if possible undertake a field trip to visit a farm.	
		Cow/Sheep/Pig/Chicken/Horse	• The class can build a barnyard by using plastic farm animals and farm equipment	
			toys.	
Week 7 & 8	Wild animals	Identify wild animals -	 Make use of flashcards and if possible undertake a field trip to visit a zoo or game 	
	What arithmats	Lion/Leopard/Elephant/Rhino/	reserve.	
		Buffalo/Monkey	The class can build a zoo by using plastic wild animals.	
Week 9	Colour can be	Identify black and white	To introduce the colour black and white it could be compared to day and night.	
	light and dark	Recognise that colours can be	Suggested activities:	
	Ū.	light and dark	The teacher can make black and white play dough for the learners.	
			Laundry Time!	
			In advance, hang a string of rope across the class.	
			Draw and paint items of clothing in different colours, also black and white.	
			The learners hang the "laundry" on the line using the corresponding coloured clothes	
			pegs!	
			Provide a laundry basket with many pairs of socks in different colours.	
			The learners sort, match and fold the socks into matching coloured pairs.	

WATER			
First Year	Second Year	Third Year	
Know what water is	Know water is life	Understand that we have to save water	
Recognise rain as water source	Tell two water safety rules	• Understand and name the four rules for water	
Identify drinking water		safety	
PETS			
First Year	Second Year	Third Year	
• Match words or pictures of a pet, e.g. cat/dog to	 Know what a pet is cat/dog/fish/etc. 	Understand the responsibility of a pet	
play object	 Know ways in how to care for pets like 	Identify and name pet shelters	
Select ways in how to care for pets like	food/water/love/exercise etc.	Understand and explain why pets need shelters	
food/water/love	Identify shelters for pets		
Know rule that no teasing is allowed			
FARM ANIMALS			
First Year	Second Year	Third Year	
Match farm animals, e.g. cow/sheep/chicken	Identify farm animals cow/sheep/chicken/horse	Identify and name farm animals	
		cow/sheep/chicken/horse/	
WILD ANIMALS			
First Year	Second Year	Third Year	
Match wild animals, e.g.	Identify wild animals	Identify and name wild animals	
lion/elephant/leopard/rhino/ buffalo	lion/elephant/leopard/rhino/buffalo	lion/elephant/leopard/rhino/buffalo	

COLOUR CAN BE LIGHT AND DARK		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Indicate colours	Name colours	• Know and name colours that are dark and light
yellow/blue/red/orange/white/black	yellow/blue/red/orange/green/white/black	yellow/blue/red/orange/green/purple/white/ black
Show colours can be light and dark	Indicate light and dark colours	

2.1.5 Grade 1 Term 1

Learners are two years in grade 1 and the learning content in the tables make provision for more difficult content to be taught during the second year in grade 1 to ensure that progression takes place.

	GRADE	1 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1 - BEGINNII	NG KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS Learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week 1 to 3	Me and my School	 Indicate/say the name of school, teacher and principal Recognise the school song and the school emblem Show/Direct where to find different places in the school - including the class, toilets, office block, hostels, sport fields, library, therapy room, staffroom etc. Know classroom routines and rules Explain the transport they use to get to school. 	 The school song is always sung proudly, standing at attention just like the National Anthem of South Africa. The school song and emblem plays a vital role in building the spirit of the school and therefore it is important that learners should know/recognise the school song and the emblem. The learner was introduced to the school environment in grade R but now the teacher must expand the knowledge of the learner by introducing the office block, hostels, sport fields, library, therapy room, staffroom, etc. to the learner. This can be done by taking the learners on a tour through the school. The tour can take place over several days because some schools are really very big and at this age it would be advisable not to do all at once. Putting up a map of the school and indicating where the different areas are is a challenge for learners, but very enjoyable! If the teacher has internet a photo of the school from google earth can be printed of the school and learners can also take photos of the different areas and paste it on a hand drawn map of the school

	GRADE	1 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1 - BEGINNIN	NG KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS Learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
			 In grade R we agreed to keep rules simple and positive. Since our school, communities (society etc.) have rules that we must obey it would be appropriate to call rules, rules and identify consequences. The teacher or/and learners can choose one or two simple rules such as obeying not to run in school buildings, walk at all times. They then can discuss why they were made and what the consequences are of not following such a rule. After discussing the rule the teacher can take the class out and walk somewhere in the building. Together they can identify potentially dangerous places where running can get one hurt (around corners etc.) Role-play with two volunteers who can show how to walk. Make sure that the rules are displayed in the class. Prepare flashcards of the vocabulary (walk, bus, bicycle, car, train, boat, aeroplane) and hide them around the classroom – behind a chair, on the windowsill, in a book, etc. All learners sit on carpet or chairs and then the teacher start hunting around the class, gesturing that he/she is looking for something. "Find" one of the flashcards and look relieved and happy to have found it. Indicate that there are seven (7) more flashcards to find and get everyone to hunt around the room helping the teacher to look for the flashcards. Once all of the flashcards have been found sit everyone down again. On the board, draw a simple picture of the school at one end of the board and the learners home (a simple house) at the other. Alternatively, you can use photos of both. Tell the learners what each place is ("This is our school – here!" "This is my house. I live here!" Now use the flashcards to indicate how a learner comes to school by replacing the card according to every learner's transport and play the gesture game with the action On foot: walk on the spot.

GRADE 1 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1 - BEGINNING			NG KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS Learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week 4 & 5	Everybody is special (me too)	 Recognise personal details - such as name, address, telephone numbers and age Accept that he/she is special and unique Identify things that help people - such as reading glasses, walking frames, guide dogs, hearing aids Care for people with disabilities Name things he/she can do Identify learners that look different from them Identify learners who have 	 By bus: pretend to drive a bus. By bicycle: pretend to be cycling and ring a bell. By car: pretend to drive a car and beep the horn. By train: do the train gesture – moving your hands around like a wheel and "chu- chu-ing". By boat: do wave motions with your hands. By aeroplane: pretend to be an aeroplane beholding your arms right out. Say wowl And then do a countdown just for fun. 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Blast off! Everybody must know that it is OK to be different and it is imperative to teach learners about diversity to help them develop empathy for others. The teacher must teach learners that despite the way people look on the outside they are the same inside. The teacher and learners need to encourage a classroom environment that is anti-biased and free from racism and prejudice. At school everybody should encourage the learners to look beyond the outside of a person and focus more on who the person is on the inside. Suggested activities: Make an "I Can" Chart as a group of learners: Talk about what the learners can do. Have each learner say something that they know how to do. List what each learner says on a chart. Example: Sam can ride a bicycle. Jess can set the table. Thabo can jump on the trampoline. Discuss afterwards. My Body Jigsaw: Help the learner to trace his/her body outline on paper or cardboard. Cut it out. The learner can decorate and then teacher can cut the puzzle into pieces.

	GRADE	1 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1 - BEGINNII	NG KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS Learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
		many things in common with	• Me Flag: On a cut flag shape, learners cut out pictures of their favourite foods,
		them.	animals, toys etc., Glue on to the banner.
			• Thumbprint Art: Let learners create a picture with thumbprints. Roll thumbs in
			washable poster paint. The caption: "Made by Thumbody (somebody) Special!"
			Note: "It's okay to be different" is a book that everybody would enjoy. The author is
			Todd Parr. Many other books are available just keep an eye open for them!
Week 6 & 7	Me and my	Identify emotions - happy, sad,	• Teaching learners how to communicate their feelings and emotions effectively will
	emotions	scared, mad and worried (Gr R)	give them the social and emotional tools they need to deflate tense situations and to
		Recognise lonely, excited,	understand themselves better. By giving the learners the words for feelings it will help
		hungry and thankful.	them to be socially competent and enables them to recognize and respond to social
		Recognise above emotions in	cues appropriately at home, school and community.
		other people and friends by	• "Sometimes I feel green" is an excellent book to help learners deal with their feelings.
		looking at their expressions and	This short story, which includes a number of visual supports, breaks down and
		listening to what they say.	presents concepts to learners to help them become better able to recognise, identify
		Show empathy with other's	and manage their own emotions. Author Lynn Hubbell.
		emotions and show the	
		necessary respect.	
Week 8 & 9	Colours around	Identify all colours taught in	• The rainbow is colored light seen in the sky when rays of the sun strike falling
	us:	Grade R	raindrops. Rainbows are curved because raindrops that reflect the sunlight are
	Primary and	Mix primary colours to get	curved. Rainbows occur after a storm when the sun begins to shine while the air is
	Secondary	secondary colours	still filled with raindrops. They occur most often in the morning or early evening.
	colours	Identify light and dark colours	Stripes of the rainbow are colors of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo (blue-red)
		Identify the rainbow	and violet (red-blue). Sometimes one color may fade out (most often blue).

	GRADE 1 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS Learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
			Making rainbow pancakes can be fun. Use pancake batter with food colouring in. In	
			one large bowl make the batter following a home recipe or use a pre mixed packet	
			from the food store. Separate the batter equally into several bowls and add one	
			colour to each bowl. Make pancakes as usual.	
			Make rainbow posters with handprints.	
			Make rainbow sandwiches using different colours of spread	

ME AND MY SCHOOL	
First Year	Second Year
Name school/principal/teacher	Know and label school name/name of principal/ name of teacher
Identify school song	Know school song
Find way around the school	Know way around the whole school
Know four (4) class rules	Know five (5) class rules and three (3) school rules
Know own transport to school	Know own and other learners' transport to school
EVERYBODY IS SPECIAL (ME TOO)	
First Year	Second Year
Match personal details name/surname/ telephone number	Know personal details name/surname/age/ telephone number/address
Know that he/she is unique	Compare differences in people
Explain what he/she can do	Describe things that they have in common with other people
Discuss that people are different	Understand what a disability is
ME AND MY EMOTIONS	
First Year	Second Year
Identify emotions happy/sad/scared/mad /worried/hungry/thankful	Identify and compare different emotions happy/
	sad/scared/mad/worried/hungry/thankful/lonely/excited
	Show empathy with other's emotions

COLOURS AROUND US: PRIMARY AND SECONDARY COLOURS	
First Year	Second Year
• Identify and name all colours learned up to now, namely	Identify the rainbow colours
/yellow/blue/red/orange/green/purple/	
Mix colours	

2.1.6 Grade 1 Term 2

	GRADE 1	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 - BEGINNING	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
	Me at Home		 Children are vulnerable to a wide range of potential dangers within the home. These include trips, slips and falls; fire and heat; sharp objects; poisoning; electrical shock; drowning and suffocation. Every year and throughout the world we hear of people being burnt to death in their homes. Many people in South Africa lose their lives as a result of fires, especially in informal settlements, where poverty is experienced daily. Most of these informal settlements are without electricity or adequate sources of heating, and families are forced to seek alternatives, especially during winter. These usually take the form of open fires for cooking and keeping warm. Precautionary measures when working with fire make a significant contribution to curbing the number of deaths resulting from open source fires. "Learn Not to Burn" (Grade R and 1) presents fire safety messages using classroom lessons, activities and home connections. It can be taught as a stand-alone fire safety unit or easily integrated in the other subjects. The fire department can be invited to the classroom throughout the programme to support the fire safety messages taught. "Learn Not to Burn" is an easy to use flexible guide for teachers to respond to the needs of the classroom. Make time for fire safety education in your classroom! Rules to remember: Smoke Alarms are Important, Get Outside, Stay
			Outside, Report an Emergency, Stay Away from Hot Things, Fire Drills at School, Know,
			When to Stop, Drop and Roll. (Google: Learn not to burn) Material and worksheets are
			available.

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APPROXIMATE			
	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week 4 & 5	Me and my	Say what a family is	• The teacher can involve the parents and ask them to come and share their family
	Family	Name members of the family -	rules as school with the learners. Learners must understand that rules at school and
		immediate and extended	home are important.
		Love and respect each other at	
		home, wait for his/her turn,	
		listen to others, share, show	
		kindness, be honest, respect	
		other members of the family	
<u></u>		and what belongs to them	
	How to keep	Recognise safe and unsafe	• Teach learners the underwear rule: Be clear with the learner that the parts of their
	myself safe and my body healthy	situations and places - such as	body covered by underwear are private.
	my body nealiny	waiting for transport etc.	PANTS is a really easy way for you to explain the Underwear Rule to the learner:
		Know 'Yes' and 'No' feelingsPractice saying 'No'	 Private parts are private Always remember your body belongs to you
		 Protect their bodies from illness: 	 Always remember your body belongs to you No means no
		Cover mouth and nose when	 Talk about secrets that upset you
		sneezing or coughing, never	 Speak up, someone can help
		touch another person's blood,	 It is important that learners know that it is dangerous to touch another person's blood
		wash fruit and vegetables	(wear gloves) because it can make you sick. Make sure they know this rule.
		before eating, drink clean or	
		boiled water	
Week 8 & 9	Colours have	Name primary and secondary	Use the flag of South Africa to help teach the learners that colour has meaning.
	meanings	colours	 Red is for blood

	GRADE 1 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
		Understand that people use colour to symbolise many things	 Blue is for the sky Green is for the land 	
		and emotions	 Black is for black people in SA 	
			• White is for white people of SA	
			 Yellow is for natural resources like gold 	

ME AT HOME	
First Year	Second Year
Identify and describe rooms in the house	Read emergency number card
Give examples and point out dangers around home	Know and explain how to keep safe at and home
ME AND MY FAMILY	
First Year	Second Year
Know and name family members	Know the meaning of respect for family members
Understand families have rules too	
HOW TO KEEP MY BODY SAFE	
First Year	Second Year
Compare safe and unsafe situations	Know and discuss how to protect the body
Know and explain yes/no feelings	
COLOURS HAVE MEANING	
First Year	Second Year
Indicate primary and secondary colours	Understand colour symbolises things and emotions

	GRADE 1	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 - BEGINNING	S KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION Week 1 & 2	Good basic	 The learner must be able to: Know sleep is good for your 	There's a popular saying- good habits start early. Now that the learner is in school the
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	Healthy Habits	body	teacher will need to consolidate good habits, which was taught at home. The earlier the
		Understand healthy (good) food	learner is introduced to healthy habits, the lesser effort he/she will have to practice it in
		is good	his/her day to day life. Teach the learner how to do the tasks properly in class, and
		Practice proper use of toilet	practice using the real tools.
		Practice to wash hands	• Doesn't matter what toilet (flush toilet, squad toilet or pit latrine) the learner uses,
		Brush hair, brush teeth and	there are certain basic rules:
		clean nails	 Sit on the toilet
		Bath/wash every day	 Wipe yourself
		Practice regular exercise and	 Leave the toilet clean for others
		play	 Wash your hands
		Know things that harm us like	Make sure that learners wash their hands after being to the toilet. Learners can make
		smoke, drugs and alcohol	signs for the school toilet helping others to also remember the rules.
			Simple rules to teach learners about things that can harm them:
			Alcohol is bad
			Cigarettes are bad
			Only take the medicine the doctor gives, and only as much as he tells you to
			Only take medicine from a parent or the nurse at school
			Tell an adult if anyone wants to give you medicine or cigarettes

	GRADE 1	LIFE SKILLS - TERM 3 - BEGINNING	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week 3 to 5	Plants and	Indicate what is a seed	• Most plants come from seeds. Display seeds that come from all kinds of plants like:
	Seeds	 Indicate how plants look like - 	flowering plants, fruit and vegetable seed. Discuss the differences and similarities of
		roots, stem, leaves, flowers	the seeds like colour, shape and size.
		Explain similarities and	Show learners also that some food we eat come from don't come from seed but from
		differences	bulbs like potato, onions etc.
		Know where seeds come from	A poster can be made as a class project to indicate the parts of a plant:
		Know what plants need to grow	Plant a seed and watch it grow, this is great fun for learners.
		Experience growing a plant	
		from a seed - such as a bean or	
		a lentil	
Week 6 & 7	Fruit	Identify the different fruit	The classroom is the ideal place for learners to learn about good choices. Being the
		Apple/Banana/Grapes/	teacher provides a wonderful opportunity for the teacher to make an impact on a
		Pear/Peach/Pineapple/	learner's health.
		Orange/Lemon/Apricot/	Eating fruit is important for health and wellbeing.
		Plum	Fruit is a healthy choice for a snack.
		Know that fruit is healthy	Learners can bring fruit from home and make fruit kebobs.
		Recognise the taste of fruit	
		Know the shape and colour	
Week 8 & 9	Vegetables	• Identify the different vegetables:	Take a trip to a grocer or a vegetable garden.
		Carrot/Cabbage/Beans/Potato/	• Challenge the learners to indicate on a graph who is eating the most vegetables in
		Pumpkin/Onion/Beetroot/Peas/	the two weeks.
		Sweet	
		potato/Butternut/Cauliflower/	

	GRADE 1 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING					
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE			
		Broccoli				
		Know that vegatables are				
		healthy				
		Recognise the taste of				
		vegetables				
		Know the shape and colour				

GOOD BASIC HEALTHY HABITS	
First Year	Second Year
Give examples of healthy habits	Understand and compare what healthy habits are
Know toilet routine	Indicate harmful things like smoke/drugs/ alcohol
Know how to wash hands	Know the rules about things that can harm them
PLANTS AND SEEDS	
First Year	Second Year
Indicate seeds	Know where seeds come from
Indicate plants	Indicate and discuss what plants need to grow
Label the parts of a plant, e.g. root/stem/ leaves/flowers	 Know and label the functions and parts of a plant, namely roots/a
Know the difference between plant and seed	stem/leaves/flowers
FRUIT	
First Year	Second Year
Identify fruit. e.g. Apple/Banana/Grapes/Pear/Peach/Pineapple/ Orange/	• Identify name and describe fruit according to their colour, shape and taste:
Lemon/Apricot/Plum	Apple/Banana/ Grapes/Pear/Peach/Pineapple/Orange/Lemon/Apricot/Plum
VEGETABLES	
First Year	Second Year
Identify vegetables, e.g. Carrot/Cabbage/Beans/Potato/Pumpkin/Onion/	Identify, name and describe vegetables according to their colour, shape and
beetroot/Peas/Sweet potato/Butternut/Cauliflower/Broccoli	taste: Carrot/Cabbage/Beans/Potato/Pumpkin/Onion/beetroot/Peas/Sweet
	potato/Butternut/Cauliflower/Broccoli

2.1.7 Grade 1 Term 4

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GRADE 1 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4 - BEGINNING			G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week 1 & 2	Water	 Name uses of water at home and school Understand how water is wasted Show ways of saving water Store clean water Take note of the water cycle 	 Before filling containers with safe water, use these steps to clean and sanitize storage containers: Wash the storage container with dishwashing soap and water and rinse completely with clean water. Sanitize the container by adding a solution made by mixing 1 teaspoon of unscented liquid household chlorine bleach (JIK) in one litre of water. Cover the container and shake it well so that the sanitizing bleach solution touches all inside surfaces of the container. Wait at least 30 seconds and then pour the sanitizing solution out of the container. Let the empty sanitized container air-dry and fill with clean water and place it in a safe place. If you don't have safe bottled or tap water, you should boil water to make it safe. (Boiling is the surest method to make water safer to drink by killing disease-causing organisms, including viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Another way of purifying drinking water if boiling is not possible, is by pouring the murky water through a clean tea towel and then adding 2 drops of unscented bleach to a litre of water.
			The earth has a limited amount of water. That water keeps coming around and around and around and around. We call this process the "Water Cycle".

APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
			 This cycle is: It rains Water collects in dams, rivers and the sea The sun shines and picks up the water and puts it in the clouds. Then the clouds make it rain again. Sing a song with hand gestures that goes to the tune of "She'll Be Coming' Around the Mountain." Refer to Addendum B for the song.
Week 3 & 4	Different types of houses	 Describe types of homes - include flats, houses, shacks, traditional homes like Zulu huts Identify homes to suit different weather conditions Identify what different homes are made of - include wood, mud, bricks, tin, stone, hardboard, plastic 	 With this theme the learners explore why it is important to have a home, and reflect on what is essential for adequate housing. They investigate different styles of housing around the world and develop an awareness of environmental, cultural and economic factors that influence the kinds of homes people have. Learners can draw and label a house in which they live. Remember to make this appropriate for the learners and the province in which they live.

	GRADE 1	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4 - BEGINNIN	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week 5 & 6	Pets	• Identify animals we can keep as	Every learner who wants to tell a story about his/her pets should have a brief moment or
		pets -	two to share their experiences. Invite a veterinarian to visit the class and share his/her
		Dog/Cat/Bird/Fish/Hamster/	experience with the learners.
		Rabbit/Frog/Lizard/Spider/	It is very important for learners to understand that animals are living, feeling beings. This
		Chameleon/Horse (Make it	topic encourages learners to think about animals and animal welfare particularly as it
		appropriate for the specific	applies to pets. It will help them understand that animals need and want many of the
		class)	basic things that humans need and want, and how humans can help provide those
		Discuss how to look after pets	things for their pets.
		at home - include shelters,	On a board create a T-chart. Label one side "Pet Animals" and the other side "Not Pet
		food, water, animal cleanliness	Animals." Read the labels to the learners and tell them that they will be helping you
		Know how to treat animals	categorize some animal pictures according to whether or not the animal is usually
		appropriately - such as giving	considered a pet or not. Randomly hold up each picture and ask the students to name
		exercise, not teasing, not	the animal. Then ask individual learners to place the animal picture in the correct
		locking in a car	location depending on if it is or is not usually considered a pet.
Week 7 & 8	Wild animals	Identify wild animals -	• The game as mentioned at Pets can be done with wild and farm animals (T-chart)
		Lion/Leopard/Elephant/Rhino/	Suggestion: Use a story book about wild animals.
		Buffalo/Bucks/Zebra/Hippo/	
		Crocodile/Giraffe/Snakes	
		/Ostrich/	
		Birds/Lizard/Spider/Scorpion	
		Talk about their characteristics	
		Identify their homes	
		 Identify their babies 	
Week 9	Farm animals	Identify farm animals -	The game as mentioned at Pets/Wild animals can be done with farm animals

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	GRADE 1 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
		Cow/Sheep/Pig/Chicken/Horse/	(T-chart).	
		Goat/Donkey/Duck/Rabbits/	• Make a 3 column chart Wild/Farm/Pets (animals) and paste pictures of the different	
		Mouse/Rat	animals in the columns.	
		• Talk about their characteristics	Suggestion: Use a story book about wild animals	
		Identify their homes		
		Identify their babies		

WATER	
First Year	Second Year
Name uses of water at home and school	Recognise that there is a water cycle and match pictures
Know how to save water	
Explain how to store clean water	
DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOUSES	
First Year	Second Year
Describe and label types of houses	Identify and compare homes and include traditional homes like Zulu hut etc.
• Indicate what homes are made of, e.g.	Identify homes for different weather conditions
wood/mud/bricks/stone/hardboard/plastic etc.	
PETS	
First Year	Second Year
• Identify, name and match different pets, e.g.	Know and describe ways in how to care for pets by providing
cat/dog/bird/fish/hamster/rabbit/frog/lizard/spider/chameleon/horse	food/water/love/exercise etc.
	Discuss and explain reasons for shelters for pets

WILD ANIMALS	
First Year	Second Year
 Indicate, name and label wild animals, 	Identify, name and label the babies of the wild animals mentioned above
e.g. lion/elephant/leopard/rhino/buffalo/bucks/zebra/hippo/crocodile/giraffe/	
snake/ostrich/birds/lizard/spider/scorpion	
Compare characteristics of wild animals above	
FARM ANIMALS	
First Year	Second Year
 Indicate, name and label farm animals, 	Identify, name and label the babies of the farm animals mentioned above
e.g. cow/sheep/chicken/horse/goat/donkey/rabbit/duck/mouse/rat	
Explain two characteristics of farm animals above	

Learners are two years in grade 2 and the learning content in the tables make provision for more difficult content to be taught during the second year in grade 2 to ensure that progression takes place.

2.1.8 Grade 2 Term 1

	GRADE 2	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1 - BEGINNING	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week 1 to 3	Me and my community	 Acknowledge that he/she is part of a community Identify places in their community like hospital, clinic, police, taxi rank, post office etc. Discuss ways how the community can work together to make it a nice place to live in 	 As the learners learn about communities, their neighbourhood becomes a broader picture for them to think about as a place where they are a member and can make a difference. Learning that the community is diverse is very important. In South Africa a lot of learners travel to a different community to go to school. The home community and the school community may differ from one another and the teacher will be the best person to know how to merge the two communities. Here is examples of possible activities for learners to understand that they are part of a community: Make a picture/photo list of places in the neighbourhood that are shared by others (parks, libraries, etc.). Paste them on large poster and discuss. Trace hands, cut it and then paste a photo or draw a picture of places in the community on the hands to make a list of the places (Neighbours could be included in the answers.) Another activity for learners to understand how they fit into the community, is to use different coloured paper and cut circles, which gets bigger to show the areas in the community. The amount of circles will depend on the community and the ability of the learner. Label each circle with a representative drawing or photo of Me, My home, My community.
			A field trip is also a good idea.

	GRADE 2 I	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1 - BEGINNING	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	ТОРІС	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week 4 & 5	What do I need to live?	 Recognise that we need the following to live: Different types of food Water Air Sunlight (include protection from the sun) Shelter Friends People at school and at home include sharing, helping, showing respect. 	The teacher can use this simplified version of Maslow's Hierarchy of needs to illustrate the things we need to live: Our needs can be very basic, like food, water, air to breathe, safety and shelter or more complex needs, like the need to be included and to feel successful. An interesting fact that can be taught as support for this lesson is the "rule of threes": If you're ever stuck out in the wilderness, remember what survival experts call 'the Rule of Threes'. You can live 3 minutes without air. You can survive 3 hours in extreme weather conditions. After 3 days, you need water or you'll die. You can make it 3 weeks without food. But please don't try this at home, because it is dangerous!
Week 6 & 7	Me and other people	 Recognise own role as a child Recognise roles of other people, at home, at school, in the community and in the environment Deal positively with conflict - include self- esteem and bullying 	 Respect is about considering the feelings of other people, and being the kind of person that others will like and respect. One golden rule stands out: "Always do to others as you would wish them to do to you if you were in their place." Role Play and practice ways to interact with your family and other people. Here are some ides of things to practice, but the golden rule is what will be assessed How to treat your family at home Be helpful to others in your home Say 'please' and 'thank you' Share, do not grab and keep good things to yourself Respect other people's property and their rooms

	GRADE 2 I	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1 - BEGINNING	KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
			 Help the family by doing your chores How to treat teachers and friends at school: Say good morning/afternoon if you walk past an adult or friend who you know. Ask if you can borrow something Return things that you have borrowed Wait your turn before you speak Say 'excuse me,' rather than pushing past someone Respect your own and other people's property, especially school property Say 'please' and 'thank you' When you are out in the community: Respect other people Be polite to others Don't use bad language in public or at home - it is offensive to others Queue up quietly and don't push Put your rubbish into bins, don't leave it for someone else to clean up Respect property Don't make fun of anyone - everyone has feelings Don't run in shopping centers or where there are other people Use your good manners so that you don't embarrass anyone Say 'please' and 'thank you'.
Week 8 & 9	Senses	 Understand each of the five senses Compare the means by which the senses gather information 	 As a class, review the five senses (sight, hear, smell, taste, and touch) done in grade R. Have a discussion about how each sense works: eg. eyes see etc.

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	GRADE 2 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING				
APPROXIMATE DURATION	ТОРІС	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
		about the world • Explain how he/she cares for eyes, ears, nose, mouth and skin?	 Individual learners can each make their own journal and record what they see, hear smell, taste and touch Make sensory balloons (hide items in a balloon and learners feel and try to say what is inside). This is a lot of fun if learners make them their selves! (Use funnels to fit the balloons) Create a route around the class/school playground, place spray canisters in different areas around the class/school playground. Fill spray bottles with a few drops of essential oil or (orange, peppermint and / or rose oils) or use familiar smells e.g. food, spices, smoke from a cooking fire, deodorant or toothpaste. Encourage learners to spray the fragrance as they move past the space. Play a game afterwards to see who can remember where they smelled the specific smell. Make popcorn and record what you sense. 		

ME AND MY COMMUNITY	
First Year	Second Year
Understand and explain what a community is	Discuss and explain how communities can work together
Identify and label places in the community like hospital/clinic/police	
station/taxi rank/post office etc.	
WHAT DO I NEED TO LIVE	
First Year	Second Year
• Understand the fact that we have needs to live, for example	Understand why we have needs to live
food/water/air/sunlight/shelter/friends/etc.	
ME AND OTHER PEOPLE	
First Year	Second Year
Give examples of own roles	Understand and list own role and roles of others
Respect and understand that other people also have rights	Understand how to deal with conflict in a positive way
SENSES	
First Year	Second Year
Name and identify 5 senses	Explain and discuss how to care for eyes/ears/nose/mouth/skin
Explain and compare how senses gather information	
Understand how to care for eyes/ears/nose/mouth/skin	

2.1.9 Grade 2 Term 2

	GRADE 2 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING					
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE			
DURATION		The learner must be able to:				
Week 1 & 2	Seasons	Name the four seasons	The weather chart and seasons are part of the daily routine.			
		Discuss how seasons affect our	Make a poster or use weather chart, talk and explain the differences between each of			
		- clothes, food and activities	the seasons.			
		Understand how seasons affect	• Fingerprint art would be fun! Draw/paint 4 trees, which resemble the seasons and			
		growing things - sowing,	have all the learners, stamp their fingerprints as the leaves. The clothes we wear, the			
		growing and harvesting	plants that grow, the food we eat and the activities we do in that specific season can			
		Discuss how seasons affect	be pasted under the correct tree.			
		animals - include farming e.g.				
		sheep shearing, animal dipping;				
		birds e.g. migration and nesting				
Week 3 & 4	Creatures living	Compare salt/fresh water	• Make two glasses of water and have learners taste 2 glasses of water, have tap			
	in water: Ocean,	Identify land animals (All	water in one and add salt to the other where the learners see you. Ask the learners			
	River, Pond.	animals done up to now)	which glass is tap water and which glass is salt water. Stress the fact that many			
		Identify water animals - River -	creatures need fresh water or salt water to survive.			
		e.g. fish, crocodile, hippo,	Sort plastic animals or pictures according to their habitat land and water.			
		crabs, Ponds and dams - e.g.	Show the learners videos of the sea and rivers and dams / ponds.			
		fish, frog, dragonfly, Salt water -				
		Sea - e.g. fish - shark, dolphin				
		Compare characteristics of land				
		animals with water animals				
Week 5 & 6 & 7	Animals and	Identify animals and creatures	This topic intends to introduce learners to the idea that living creatures, beside			

	GRADE 2	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 - BEGINNIN	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
	their shelters	that make their homes - such	themselves, need their own space. The learners will learn that, like us, animals, birds,
		as birds, some bees, ants,	insects, fish and other creatures too have homes and families. Creating respect for living
		spiders etc.	creatures and the environment in learners will make them more mindful of the natural
		Identify animals and creatures	environment. Animal homes come in a variety of shapes and sizes and can be found
		that find their homes - such as	from the deepest depths of the ocean to the very top of a mountain. Some animal
		baboons, snakes, squirrels etc.	homes are easy to see, while others are camouflaged to protect them from predators.
		Identify animals and creatures	The structure of an animal's home depends on the type of animal, the environment it
		that carry their homes - such as	lives in, and what it needs to survive. Some homes are for just one animal or for a
		snails, tortoises etc.	mother and her babies. Other homes are for a large group of animals to all live together.
			Animal homes serve a variety of purposes. Many animals design their homes to trap
			heat in and keep the cold out, especially when there are babies living in the home, since
			baby animals cannot keep themselves warm like their parents can. Nests, dens, and
			burrows are examples of this type of home.
			There are many different types of animal homes. Here are some of the most common
			ones and the animals that use them.
			Barns and Houses - Domesticated animals are ones that live with humans. The most
			common animals that live in houses are dogs and cats. Some animals that live with
			humans are too big or too messy to live in a house. Animals like horses, cows, goats,
			sheep, and pigs can be pets, but they usually live in barns.
			• Webs - Spiders spin webs to live in. Webs are also perfect traps for catching insects
			for spiders to eat.
			• Hives - Bees and wasps make wax inside their bodies, and then they use the wax to
			build homes called hives. These insects like to live together in huge numbers. A hive

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whole colony. s, wolves, and bats make their homes in caves. Caves that just found on dry land. Many animals that live in the water, in underwater caves. animals dig into the ground to make their homes. Foxes, derground. Some underground homes are very simple with single exit while others is quite complex with many rooms, n soft bodies actually carry their homes with them. These hd the hard exterior of the shells help protect the animals as snails, crabs, and turtles have 'built on' shells. Hermit other animals as their homes; they find new shells as they to lay their eggs in. Nests can be built in the branches of a some city birds build their nests in the nooks and crannies hd owls like to make their homes in the hollow (an empty

APPROXIMATE DURATION TOPIC CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to: CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE Week 8 & 9 Farm and wild animals (All animals done in grade R - 3) • Identify/name and compare different farm animals • While some of us stand out in a crowd others tend to blend in and it's the animal kingdom. This animal camouflage lesson plan explains some of the offers a fun activity to help kids understand how camouflage works. Camouflage Information: • Identify/name and compare different farm animals • Understand uses of farm animals such as food and clothing • The color and/or pattern of an animal often allow it to either blend in or s its environment. This helps them escape predators or hunt more efficie harder to see. • Understand the meaning of • When it blends into its background it is called camouflage.	
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	ently by being
Understand the meaning of When it blends into its background it is called camouflage.	
camouflage • For example, many animals that live in snowy areas are white, like the	ne polar bear.
Compare camouflage of farm Many animals that live in deserts are sand-coloured, many animals that	at live in trees
and wild animals are green, many animals that live on rocks match the coloration of t	he rocks and
many animals that live near the soil are soil-coloured. Patterns, like str	ipes or spots,
can also help camouflage an animal.	
A chameleon can even change its colour to blend in with its environment	
Here are some classroom activities for teaching camouflage	
Hide and seek camouflaged paperclips	
 Take your class to a grassy area and divide them into small group 	os. Give each
group 10 paper clips in different colours. Which colour will be easies	t to see in the
grass? Which will be hardest? Have learners make their prediction	ns. Have one
group member sprinkle the paper clips on the grass and count u	up to a given
number while the other learners of the group pick up as many paper	r clips as they
can. Have the learners record their findings. Discuss the resu	lts and have
learners talk about how camouflage can help animals to survive.	

	GRADE 2 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING					
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE			
DURATION		The learner must be able to:				
			Who is hiding?			
			• Create a habitat in a terrarium or fish tank. If possible, use a real animal to study,			
			such as a lizard, beetle, or cricket. If keeping a real animal is not possible, you			
			can use a realistic plastic bug or snake. Tell the class that they are going to create			
			a habitat for the animal. Have the learner's research and learn about the animal			
			and its habitat. How does the animal use camouflage in its environment? What			
			does the animal eat? If it eats insects, do any of them use camouflage? Have			
			students collect and bring in materials to add to the habitat.			
			Camouflage Mural			
			\circ Together as a class, paint or colour a large mural of a jungle. Then have each			
			learner pick an animal, learn about it, and add it to the mural. Explain to the class			
			that this animal should be camouflaged in the jungle. Have each learner present			
			his or her animal to the class and discuss how it uses camouflage to stay safe.			

SEASONS	
First Year	Second Year
Name the four seasons	Name and discuss the four seasons according to their characteristics
Know how seasons affect our clothes/food and activities	Explain how the seasons affect animals
CREATURES LIVING IN WATER	
First Year	Second Year
Compare salt and fresh water	Compare water and land animals according to their characteristics
Identify and label land animals	Know which of the animals above live in rivers/ponds/ocean
• Identify and label water animals, e.g. fish/crocodile/	
hippo/crabs/frog/dragonfly /shark/dolphin	
ANIMALS AND THEIR SHELTERS	
First Year	Second Year
Identify animals and creatures that make own homes - such as birds, some	Explain and compare the purpose of the homes of animals
bees, ants, spiders etc.	
Identify animals and creatures that find their homes - such as baboons,	
snakes, squirrels etc.	
Identify animals and creatures that carry their homes - such as snails,	
tortoises etc.	

FARM AND WLD ANIMALS

First Year

- Identify/name and compare different farm animals
- Understand uses of farm animals for food and clothing
- Identify/name and compare wild animals

Second Year

- Understand the meaning of camouflage
- Compare camouflage of farm and wild animals

2.1.10 Grade 2 Term 3

APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOT	ES/TEACHING GUIE	DELINE	
Week 1 to 3	Transport	 Understand what transport is Identify animal transport Identify road transport Identify rail transport Identify air transport 	Make use of a poster compare the different information can be jott This can be done with a <i>Transport</i>	transportation. The f	ollowing table is just a In also be used to con	a suggestion on how npile the information Use in daily
		 Identify water transport Describe how transportation today is the same or different than in the past Compare the different types of transport 	Road transport like car, bus, taxi, motorbike, bicycle etc.	What is it used for?	What makes it move? What materials are used to build it? What features does it have? What does it look like?	life Do most people use this transportation? How does/did it impact daily life?

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APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES	/TEACHING GUIDE	LINE	
				Is it used to move	Does an engine	Not all people own
				people and things	make it move?	their own
				from one place to	Is it made from	transport
				another?	metal?	It makes life
					Does it have	easier
					wheels, seats, a	People can get to
					steering wheel,	places faster
					etc.?	
			After completing the grap	-		
			the types of transportation			· · ·
			things from one place to		-	
			makes the transportation		umber of people w	ho use this type of
			transportation are different			
			This construction site s			lake use of sand and
			use toy trucks, stones,	5		
Week 4 & 5	Road/	Identify Pedestrians	Young children don't hav		, ,	•
	Traffic	Identify Cyclists	direction of traffic and veh			
	Safety	Identify Passengers	to ensure that learners had	-	-	
		Identify basic Road signs like	start walking or traveling a		•	
		Stop, Pedestrian crossing,	Stop, Look and Listen and	-		-
		Robot - the colours and the	safety to learners. Here a		tips to assist you in	discussing this very
		meaning of it	important, lifesaving topic.			

	S KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING		
APPROXIMATE DURATION	ΤΟΡΙϹ	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
		Know how traffic officers help	Teach traffic/road safety through games and rhymes.
		us	Use rhymes like this:
			Stop, look and listen
			Before you cross the street.
			First use your eyes,
			Then use your ears,
			Before you use your feet.
			Stop Sign Art
			Supply the learners with a large piece of paper and a hexagon shaped pattern on the
			paper. Write the words, or have the students write the word "STOP" onto the middle of
			the sign. Have the students color the sign RED. Teach the learners when you see a red
			Stop sign you must stop look around and wait until it is safe to proceed.
			Traffic Light Art
			Supply the learners with a traffic light, black and white. Allow the learners to colour the
			traffic light in the proper colours.
			Top Light: RED – This means you must stop on the line and wait until the light changes
			to green.
			Middle Light: YELLOW – This means you must slow down and come to a stop on the
			line.
			Bottom Light: GREEN – This means it is safe to proceed in your desired direction.
			Play a game of "Crossing the Road"
		_	Use colored tape to tape a mock road onto your classroom floor. Create two signs. A
			stop sign and a traffic light sign. Ask the learners to line up on the road and pay

	GRADE 2	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 - BEGINNING	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
			attention to the road signs. Use your hand made signs to test the learners. Ask them to
			walk around the mock road and 'stop' when they see the stop sign or the red light
			shown. 'Slow down' when they see the yellow light shown and 'go' when they see the
			green light shown.
			Bus/taxi safety tips:
			School taxi/busses/cars are a safe and convenient way for learners to come and go
			from school. However, most pedestrian accidents involving buses/taxis/cars happen
			either before the transport arrives or after it has driven away. It is crucial learners know
			how to act safely before they get on a bus/taxi/car and after they get off.
			Parents/learners and teachers need to be aware of road safety around school
			transport. Here are some tips below to help with the learner's safety.
			For Learners:
			• Stand well back at the bus/taxi stop until the bus/taxi has completely stopped.
			• Wait until the bus/taxi has moved off before crossing the road. This gives other
			drivers on the road the chance to see any pedestrians more clearly. It also allows
			pedestrians to have a clear view of traffic.
			Choose a safe place to cross the road, not in front of the bus/taxi or between parked
			cars.
Week 6 & 7	People who help	Recognise people who help us	Revise what was done in term one about the community.
	us	in our community - such as	It is important that learners know that it is okay to ask for help. They should not be
		clinic nurse, teacher and after-	embarrassed. By asking for help is being part of responsible to yourself.
		care teacher, traffic cop, police	Here are ideas for activities:
		officer etc.	• Have the class work in small groups to give ideas or examples of how different

	GRADE 2 I	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 - BEGINNING	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
		 Recognise how different people help one another Ask for assistance/help Know who to contact when help is needed 	 people can help us. Each group focuses on a particular group of helpers such as teachers, friends, siblings, or parents. Making a classroom bulletin board or posters showing different kinds of help and potential helpers could expand this activity. Divide the class into pairs of "helping buddies." Each buddy has two tasks: (1) decide on some knowledge or skill he or she would like to improve and (2) work with his or her buddy to improve the knowledge or skillor get the necessary help. The buddies meet regularly for a week or two and then report to the class on how they helped each other improve. Teach learners how to use: Emergency - Ambulance (10177) Emergency - Cell phone (112) Emergency - National (10111) in an emergency could be one of the simplest — and most important — lessons you'll ever share. Local Childline and number of nearest hospital.
Week 8 & 9	Fruit and Vegetables	 Identify Fruit Apple/banana/grapes/pear/ peach/pineapple/orange/lemon/ apricot/plum/melon/watermelon/ guava/granadilla/mango Identify Vegetables Carrot/cabbage/bean/potato/ 	 Build a sandwich Choose ingredients from a list the teacher wrote or think up your own special combination. Remember to be creative! Make the sandwich in the class with friends. Eat and enjoy! Turn fruit into popsicles Chop any fruit into small chunks or puree in the blender with an adult Pour pureed fruit into popsicle moulds or ice cube moulds Freeze until hard

	GRADE 2 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
		pumpkin/onion/beetroot/peas/	o Enjoy!	
		 sweet potato/butternut/ cauliflower/broccoli Know the difference between fruit and vegetables 	• Set up a kitchen area and lots of play food to use to make dinners in their restaurant. Have the learners set the table with a plate cup and napkin. Have them take turns being the waiter, cook, and customer. For this play area the learners make menus with pictures of vegetables and dinners from magazines. Under each picture put the name of the item. The kids LOVE playing this and have so much fun.	

TRANSPORT	
First Year	Second Year
Understand what transport is	Identify rail transport
Identify animal transport	Identify and list types of air transport
Identify road transport	Identify and list types of water transport
Compare the different types of transport	Compare and group the different types of transport
	Describe and discuss transport of the past and today
ROAD TRAFFIC SAFETY	
First Year	Second Year
Identify Pedestrians	Identify, name and label basic Road signs like Stop, Pedestrian crossing,
Identify Cyclists	Robot - the colours and the meaning of it
Identify Passengers	
PEOPLE WHO HELP US	
First Year	Second Year
• Select people who help us in our community - such as clinic nurse, teacher	Identify, name and label the people in the community that help us
and after-care teacher, traffic cop, police officer etc.	Discuss and compare how different people help one another
Explain and give examples how different people help one another	Know and practice who to contact when help is needed
Ask for assistance	
Know who to contact when help is needed	

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES	
First Year	Second Year
Identify Apple/banana/grapes/pear/peach/pineapple/orange/lemon/apricot/	Indicate and sort fruit from vegetables
plum/melon/ watermelon/guava/granadilla/mango	
Identify Carrot/cabbage/bean/potato/pumpkin/onion/ beetroot/peas/sweet	
potato/butternut/ cauliflower/broccoli	

2.1.11 Grade 2 Term 4

GRADE 2 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION Week 1 & 2	Water	 The learner must be able to: Discuss the water cycle Save water Water purification 	 Tell a story about a raindrop's journey and then ask questions What does "cycle" mean? What shapes best represent cycles? Have you ever heard of the water cycle? What do you know about it? Tactile project: The class will be creating a very large water cycle model and each learner will make a portion of the water cycle. Teacher Note: It will be necessary for the teacher to decide if each learner will make each piece of the water cycle or if learners will be arranged into groups to work on the water cycle. Distribute Water Cycle cut outs. Learners should colour raindrops blue and cut them out. Cut out clouds and fill them in using white glue and stretched cotton balls. Cut out blue construction paper to look like water. Cut out brown construction paper to look like land (optional: decorate using sand and grass attached with white glue). Cut out yellow construction paper to look like the sun. When all pieces have been constructed, set aside to dry. Cut and paste the arrows indicating the cycle. Review the terms: condensation, evaporation and precipitation and collection. Evaporation: Heat from the Sun causes water on Earth (in oceans, lakes etc.) to evaporate (turn from

	GRADE 2 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
			clouds.	
			Condensation:	
			As water vapor in the clouds cools down it becomes water again, this process is called	
			condensation.	
			Precipitation:	
			Water falls from the sky in the form of rain, snow, hail, or sleet, this process is called	
			precipitation.	
			Collection:	
			Oceans and lakes collect water that has fallen. Water evaporates into the sky again and	
			the cycle continues.	
			Learn how to purify water: (refer topic "Water" in Grade 1 for methods)	
Week 3 to 5	Our country	Know the name of our country	South Africa is part of the continent of Africa. Each continent is divided up into many	
	South Africa	South Africa	countries and each of those countries is usually made up of different smaller regions	
		• Recognise the map of South	usually called provinces.	
		Africa	The 'rainbow nation' of South Africa is a large multi-racial country, which covers the	
		Recognise the symbols of	southern part of the continent.	
		South Africa	The National Symbols:	
		Name own province	• The country's national animal is the springbok, which also gives its name to the	
		Name own town	South African rugby team - fondly known as "the Boks".	
		Recognise the South African	The national bird of South Africa is the blue crane	
		flag and places where we can	The protea is the national flower	
		see it flying. Meaning of colours	South Africa's national fish is the galjoen	
		Listen/hum/sing South African	The national tree is - the yellow wood	

	GRADE 2	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4 - BEGINNING	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week 6 & 7	Communication in our world	 Inelearner must be able to: anthem Understand the meaning of rainbow nation Identify common communication skills Identify common communication technologies Identify ways that a person's privacy and reputation may be 	Remember that even the quietest learners have something to say. Discussion: Talk to the learners about communication. Ask the learners for different ways we communicate. • Try some forms of non-verbal communication: Have a learner dance to act out a feeling, see if the other learners can guess what
		 compromised online Identify examples of texting- style language, including abbreviations and emoticons. Describe the appropriate and inappropriate uses of texting- style language. Describe some potential consequences of the inappropriate use of texting- style language. 	 emotion. Show the learners a few simple signs for sign language. Have the learners draw a picture to try to communicate an idea. Try some forms of verbal communication: Have the learners sing a favorite song. Have a learner tell a favorite story. Have the learner make sounds to communicate, shhhhh, mmmm, aaaah! Show your learners forms of visual communication: Show the learners letters and numbers. Show the learners pictures of traffic signs. The internet and cell phones have created new ways for learners to communicate and be connected. Through the internet and other computer technology, learners have the opportunity to gain media literacy, become technically confident, construct identities, socialize, and be connected to people all over the world. Despite the benefits of

	GRADE 2 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4 - BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING				
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
DURATION		The learner must be able to:			
			computer innovation, cyber-bullying and the spread of rumours and gossip on social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and WhatsApp as well as through chat		
			rooms, instant messaging, and email, are a growing problems. Teaching learners about online safety is as important as teaching them about the benefits of computer technology.		
Week 8 & 9	Night Life	 Discuss things they do at night - get ready for bed, read and tell stories, sleep and dream Identify people who work at night - such as security officers, doctors, pilots, truck drivers 	Use this topic on nighttime to explore what people and animals do at night while children are sleeping. The period between sunset and sunrise is called night. When children sleep, things are happening. People work, animals are hunting, and the moon and stars shine. • Turn a corner of your classroom into a night sky. Attach glow-		
		 Identify night animals - such as owls, hamsters, porcupines, leopards, jackal 	 in-the-dark stars and moons to the ceiling. Pass out flashlights to the learner, and dim the lights for some exploration of the dark. As the learners view this night sky, ask if they recall seeing the moon and stars outdoors at night before bedtime. Tell a night time story by using shadow puppets to illustrate the story. 		

WATER	Second Year
First Year	Know and discuss the water cycle using basic vocabulary
Show and match pictures to the water cycle	Know how to save water
Understand water must be saved and give examples	Know and explain how water purification works
Recognise how water purification works	
OUR COUNTRY SOUTH AFRICA	
First Year	Second Year
Know the name of our country	Know the province of residence
Recognise the map of South Africa	Know town of residence
Name the symbols of South Africa	Know and label the flag and the meaning of the colours
Select the South African flag	Know and sing/hum the anthem
Respond to the anthem	Understand the term rainbow nation

COMMUNICATION IN OUR WORLD	
First Year	Second Year
Identify different communication skills	• Identify ways that a person's privacy and reputation may be compromised
Identify different communication technologies and give examples	online.
Understand that one should be careful not to give private information to	• Identify examples of texting-style language, including abbreviations and
strangers	emoticons.
	Describe and discuss the appropriate and inappropriate uses of texting-style
	language.
	Describe and discuss some potential consequences of the inappropriate use
	of texting-style language.
NIGHT LIFE	
First Year	Second Year
• Discuss and explain things or events we do at night - get ready for bed, read	• Identify, name and lable people who work at night - such as security officers,
and tell stories, sleep and dream	doctors, pilots, truck drivers
	Identify night animals - such as owls, hamsters, porcupines, leopards, jackal

Learners are two years in grade 3 and the learning content in the tables make provision for more difficult content to be taught during the second year in grade 3 to ensure that progression takes place.

2.1.12 Grade 3 Term 1

	GRADE 3	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1- BEGINNING	S KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	ΤΟΡΙϹ	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week1 & 2	Me and my time-line	 Identify order of events correctly Tell his/her own history/story Acknowledge that he/she is special and that everybody is different Tell positive personal qualities: relationship with self, family, friends, personal interests, abilities and potential Acknowledge own success and failures Demonstrate how to accept and give a compliment Demonstrate an understanding of criticism and how to handle it Talk about less successful times/activities that he/she 	Learners have by now spend a lot of time talking about where they live, what's in their community, the people in their lives and in short, their world and their place in it. Help the learners to create a time-line about their lives and important events. Remember that learners learn about time-lines through stories of people, storybook characters, the teacher and themselves. Use puppets to tell stories. Make use of pictures about daily activities or use a camera to photograph learners participating in daily activities during the school day such as arrival, mathematics, music, reading etc. Print these photos and mix them up and encourage the learner to sequence these events to understand a personal time-line. Read a story to the learners about a day in the life of any character and then lead a discussion to identify the order of the events in the story and place them on a time-line. Point out time words such as: yesterday, tomorrow, next, first, after that etc. • When most people hear the term time-line, they think about historical events but remember that learner has a history, too. Start by talking to the learners about key events in their lives, for example, the day they were born, the month they started to talk or walk, when their siblings arrived, dates of favourite vacations, the month you moved to a new house, or when they first started school etc.

	GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1- BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	ΤΟΡΙϹ	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
		experienced	is in foster care may find it difficult, but there are ways to adapt it to make it more	
			general. Instead of focusing on everything that happened from the time when the learner	
			was born and beyond, think about using less specific terms, like "past" and "present."	
			That way the learner can decide what events in his/her "past" are of importance to	
			him/her without feeling pressured to know the details of what happened in the time	
			before he/she was adopted or placed into foster care.	
			• Role play: how to receive and give compliments, and how to react when receiving	
			criticism.	
			 Role play a failure and model good ways to deal with this. 	
			Make use of a puppet show.	
Week 3 & 4	Me, my rights	Know that South Africa has a	Start with work done in grade two (2) term 1 to revise rights as a child at home, at school	
	and	Bill of Rights	and in the community and environment.	
	responsibilities	Understand the concept of	In 1996 South Africa passed the South African Constitution Act that includes a Bill of	
		Democracy	Rights. The Bill of Rights consists of a list of rights to protect all people, which includes	
		Understand what Human Rights	adults and children living in South Africa. The Constitution says that the government and	
		are and name one to two	all people of SA must respect, protect, promote and fulfill the human rights listed in the	
		important ones	Bill of Rights.	
		• Know that rights come with	Teachers note: Teachers need to handle this situation very sensitively because some of	
		responsibilities	the issues, which will be, discussed my affect your learners personally and may result in	
		• Understand the difference	strong reactions and emotions. Never force a learner to participate, rather speak to them	
		between needs and wants	privately if you think that they are feeling uncomfortable or distressed.	
			• An activity like drawing up a code of conduct or a set of rules about behaviour can	
	X		help ensure that everyone's rights are respected in the class and school.	
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	GRADE 3	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1- BEGINNING	S KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	ΤΟΡΙϹ	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
			Learners can also design a poster for children's rights.
			Rights can be linked to basic needs like food, shelter and medical care and learners
			must learn that there is a big difference between what people need for survival and what
			they just want. Write or paste pictures under two headings Needs and Wants and then
			compare and discuss the results. Why is one list longer? Why is that? Encourage the
			learners to focus on things they really need to live.
Week 5 & 6	My feelings and	Identify emotions	• Role-play situations where the leaners must show emotions and the others must
	emotions	Understand what makes me	guess how the other learner is feeling. Discuss the correct way and incorrect way to
		feel happy, sad, scared, mad,	handle an emotion and assist the learners to choose which one is better. Make sure
		worried	that the learners understand that feelings are normal and sometimes we feel good
		• Identify feelings like: joy, love,	and sometimes we feel bad. In some cases we dont know what to do when we are
		fear, grief, jealousy and	feeling bad or mad then teach the following plan to the learners:
		disappointment	• Accept your feelings and say to yourself " I am mad" and it is OK to have
		Identify emotions in other	feelings.
		people like my teacher, friends	 Relax before you act by taking deep breaths or counting to ten or holding your
		and family etc.	hands together. (There are many other methods that can be used, find the most
		• Show respect for other peoples	appropriate one for your class, school or the specific learners you are teaching).
		emotions in a appropriate way	 Think about ways to help yourself because thinking helps you to make the right
		• Understand the connection	choice instead of harming yourself or others.
		between words, actions and	 Do something for yourself like talk to someone or do something you enjoy.
		feelings	• Have the learners make feeling masks or create a class collage of different feelings
			which they will hang in a prominent place in the class room so that it can be used as
		<i>V</i>	a visual guideline throughout the year to continue reflection about how their
			behaviours towards one antother can trigger various feelings.

GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1- BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING				
APPROXIMATE DURATION	ΤΟΡΙϹ	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
Week 7 - 9	Changes in me	 Talk about changes that occur during puberty to boys and girls Categorize changes into those that happen to boys, girls of both Identify who they can go to or where they can go to talk about puberty changes Taking care of my changing body (The more personal issues will be handled in grade 4) 	 Teachers note: Remember that learners with different abilities are also going through physical, emotional and social changes. Puberty is a time of change and growth that can be both exciting and frightening for learner(s) with severe intellectual disability and that is why they must learn that boys and girls have similar and different experiences during puberty. Deal with this lesson in a sensitive, but open manner. As a teacher you should be prepared for giggles in the class but try to acknowledge the learners' reactions by saying that puberty and body parts can be difficult to talk about and it's OK to feel a bit uncomfortable. Ask the learners what they are looking forward to about puberty like for instance getting taller and stronger, having more independence, wearing make-up etc. Also discuss what they least are looking forward to like acne, pubic hair, having more responsibility and mood swings. Have a discussion on how and what the learners can do to help them go through puberty: A teenager is always hungry but make sure to snack on healthy foods Exercise every day You need a lot of sleep and emphasize the importance of switching of technology so that you can sleep Drink healthy drinks and include a lot of water Talk about problems to someone you trust 	

	GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1- BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	ТОРІС	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
			shaving foam, razor, soap, toothbrush, floss and toothpaste, washcloth and clean	
			underwear both for boys and girls. Introduce sanitary pads for menstruation.	
			Introduce the kit to the learners and have them choose items from the kit. Discuss the	
			items with questions like:	
			What is this?	
			How must I use it?	
			Is the item for a male or female?	
			Why is it important to use this product?	
			Must we use it daily, several times a week, weekly or monthly?	

ME AND MY TIME LINE	
First Year	Second Year
Sequence events correctly	Acknowledge own success and failures
Understand and tell own story	Know how to give a compliment
List positive qualities of self/family/friends	Handle criticism in a positive manner
ME AND MY RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBLITIES	
First Year	Second Year
Understand and list needs and wants	Acknowledge that rights come with responsibilities
Begin to understand democracy	Know about the Bill of Rights
MY FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS	
First Year	Second Year
Understand and compare different feelings and where it comes from	Understand connection between words and actions
Know one or two rights	
Identify and give examples joy/love/fear/grief/jealousy/disappointment	

CHANGES IN ME

First Year

- Accept and explain puberty and its changes that occurs
- Understand and list changes is girls and boys
- Identify who they can talk to about puberty

Second Year

• Describe and discuss taking care of changes

2.1.13 Grade 3 Term 2

	GRADE 3	S LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 BEGINNING	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week1 & 2	Insects	 Identify different insects Observe and draw an insect Discuss how insects help us Discuss how insects harm us 	 Teachers note: The teacher can pick one or two insects to focus on in depth depending on the class situation. There are many different types of insects and a lot of information that can be associated with each type. When teaching insects stick to the most basic information like being able to name the three parts of an insect or to identify an insect with six (6) legs from spiders and worms. Activities: Draw an insect Make a clothespin grasshopper Make Paper Mache insects Make thumb prints into bugs Bug window sun catchers use wax paper and crayon shavings iron with an iron Make bug "houses" decorate to put bugs in Useful Insects Insects constitute more than half of the diet of fishes, birds, amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals. In some parts of the world insects are eaten by humans. Insects pollinate many different types of plants. They improve the soil by bringing nutrient-rich soil from deeper layers to the surface. Several commercial products are obtained from insects. Among these are honey, beeswax and silk.

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	GRADE	3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 BEGINNIN	G KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
			Most insects that spread disease do so by biting their victims like mosquitos that can cause malaria.
Week 3 to 5	Life Cycles	 Discuss what a life cycle is Identify the Life Cycle of a: Mammal (dog) Amphibian (frog) Bird (chicken) 	 A life cycle is a sequence of stages through which a living organism goes and each member of a specific species goes through the same stages as its parents. All organisms go through stages of development. In most mammals the stages of life go from the fertilized egg, to the fetus, the juvenile, and then to the adult. Birds go from the egg, to the chick, to the adult. Amphibians go from the egg, to the larva, to the adult. Insect goes from the egg, to the larva, to the pupa, to the adult. A daring activity! Get a clear plastic tub for a container. Place 20-50 mm of substrate (which mealworms will eat) in bottom. Use bran, oats or a mixture of the two. Place 1/2 a potato on substrate or in a small dish (supplies moisture and food). Get mealworms from the pet store. Place potato every couple of days (do not let it get moldy). The mealworms are the larvae stage; within 3 weeks they should pupate, then in another two weeks beetles should emerge. The beetles will lay eggs, which are minute and very difficult to see. When these hatch, the larvae are also very small.

	GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
			The beetles will die, while the larvae will grow and repeat the cycle.	
Week 6 & 7	Recycling	 Explain what happens to our waste Indicate what can be re-used Tell how we can reduce waste Indicate what cannot be recycled 	 Explain to learners that to recycle something means to use it again. Ask learners what they know about recycling and why they think it is so important. Ask questions to encourage participation. Does your family have a dustbin for garbage at home or do you throw it in a hole in the back yard? Does your family recycle at home? Do they separate the recycling or collect it in one bin? Do they take the recycling to a facility or put it on the curb with the rest of the trash or do they throw it in the field close by? How do you help with recycling at home? Explain that when garbage is picked up, it goes to a facility where the different materials are separated. The materials are then cleaned, broken down and turned into new products, sometimes the material from one item will be used to create an entirely different item. For instance, a cool drink bottle can be recycled into articles such as a birdfeeder or a sprinkler A great way to cut back on the millions of tons of garbage and waste that humans produce every year is to practice the three R's: Reduce, Re-use, and Recycle. These little actions, if practiced by all of us, can make a big difference in improving the environment and making the earth a healthier and more beautiful place. 	
			• Collect a few materials such as a glass bottle, cigarette but, leather shoe, paper bag, plastic cup, tin can and a banana peel. Discuss the items by asking questions like:	

GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
			What do all the items have in common? If your learners cannot figure out the answer
			help them to figure out the answer to the question, you can share with them that each
			of the items will likely end up on a dump yard one day. Next, ask what will happen to
			these items when they end up on the dump yard? How long do you think they will last
			there? Do they disappear/disintegrate/degrade immediately? Or will they continue to
			take up space on the dump yard? Let learners freely discuss these questions. Try to
			sequence the items according to how long they will last on the dump yard then order
			them according to what the scientists found, Glass bottle (unknown - it can be
			forever), cigarette but (2-5 years), leather shoe (40-50 years), paper bag (1 month),
			plastic jug (1 million years), tin can (200-500 years) and a banana peel (3-4 weeks)
Week 8 & 9	Keeping my	Identify what first aid is	Most injuries happen at home, at school or in the community. Some injuries are minor
	body safe	Identify basic first aid practices	and some are serious and can even cause death. Learners need to know how to help
		such as nose bleeds, animal	others in danger. Teaching learners basic first aid is interesting and practical and it gives
		bites, cuts and burns	learners vital and sometimes life-saving knowledge.
		Identify basic health and	• What is First Aid? This is the first treatment given to a person after an accident and
		hygiene like not touching other	the aim is to keep the other person alive or help such a person to get better.
		people's blood	How to handle an accident:
		• Understand we are not safe	 Look around if you or other people are in danger
		with everyone	 Remove the danger to yourself and the injured people
		• Name rules to keep my body	 Ask someone to go for help
		safe	 Look at injuries and see what you can do
		Understand yes and no feelings	 Behave calmly and reassure the injured person
		Tell how to report abuse	• Organise a safety campaign in the class and at school. Have a campaign against

	GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2 BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING				
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
DURATION		The learner must be able to:			
			burns, nosebleeds, animal bites and cuts. Use a variety of ways to pass the		
			messages in class and school like having a puppet show about accidents and make		
			posters which show how we should treat the nose bleed, cuts, burns and bites.		
			Make a First Aid Kit for the class.		
			• Introduce some rules to the learners on how to keep their bodies safe. Here are just a		
			few suggestions:		
			• I am the boss of my body.		
			 I must know my name, address and phone number. 		
			\circ /I must never go anywhere or take anything from someone I don't know.		
			 My bathing suit areas on my body are private. 		
			 I must not keep secrets from my parents, especially if it's about my body. 		
			\circ If I ever get lost in a public place, I must freeze and yell or go to a mom with kids		
			and ask for help.		
		C.	 I must always listen to my own feeling if it feels right or wrong. 		

INSECTS	
First Year	Second Year
Identify different insects	Observe, draw and label an insect
Observe and draw an insect	Discuss how insects harm us
Discuss how insects help us	
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LIFE CYCLES	
First Year	Second Year
Discuss what a life cycle is	Draw and discuss a life cycle
Identify the Life Cycle of a Mammal (dog)	Identify, label and discuss an Amphibian (frog) life cycle
	Identify, label and discuss a Bird (chicken) life cycle
RECYCLING	
First Year	Second Year
Understand what waste is	Know and explain how we can reduce waste
Sort waste which can be re-used and explain why	Indicate and list waste which cannot be recycled
KEEPING MY BODY SAFE	
First Year	Second Year
Know and explain what first aid is	Understand that we are not safe with everyone
Identify basic first aid practices	Know rules for keeping my body safe
Understand why we don't touch another person's blood	Know how to report abuse

2.1.14 Grade 3 Term 3

	GRADE 3	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 BEGINNING	KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week 1 & 2	Public Safety	 Indicate dangerous places to play Know rules when using public transport Recognise electricity Indicate dangers of electricity Point out poisonous and inflammable substances Recognise signs that warn us of danger 	 Electricity comes from power stations, sun, solar, water, batteries and wind turbines. Electricity is the most widely used form of energy. Its uses range from the miniature batteries that operate your wristwatch to huge motors that power trains and ships. Electricity operates our lights, run our refrigerators and powers motors. It first must be changed to other forms of energy such as heat, light or mechanical to be useful. You can't see electricity but you can see what it does like when you turn on a light. Suggested activity: Look around the classroom and find objects that use electricity and those which do not Show the learners, cut out pictures and ask them to separate it into electrical and non-electrical objects. Look through magazines with the learners and ask them to pick out some objects, which use electricity, and to cut out some pictures. Discuss with the learners where these objects would generally be found in around the home and encourage the learners to talk about where those objects are in their own homes, recognising the learners individual differences. Show the learners a simple diagram of a house and ask them to place their cut out pictures and the house. Help the learners then to make a list of Do's and Don'ts around electricity: Ask an adult for help if using an electrical appliance

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	GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING				
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
DURATION		The learner must be able to:			
Week 3 to 5	Pollution	 Indicate what pollution is Name different types – water, land and air Explain effects of pollution on people Explain effects of pollution on the environment 	 Turn off electrical appliances when not in use Don't: Put drinks or any liquid on or above electrical equipment. Touch electrical appliances with wet hands Caring for the environment is everyone's responsibility. Learners must understand the importance of our world and they too should begin to take charge of her surroundings. Types of Pollution can be introduced all together or one every week. Show learners several pictures of different types of pollution, including air, water and land. Ask learners to identify what is wrong in each picture. Explain that the environment cannot survive without clean land, water and air and that it is up to the community to keep the environment free of pollution. Ask learners for suggestions about how to stop pollution and list them on the board. Suggestions might include picking up litter, walking or riding a bike as much as possible or avoiding throwing garbage into rivers and lakes etc. Learners can make use of boxes, paint them and place them around the school to make other learners aware of littering. Let every learner make a poster and write a promise to the earth. 		
Week 6 & 7	Space	 Indicate earth from space (what it looks like) Identify stars and planets (what they look like) 	 Plant a tree at school. We live on earth and if you want to go to space you have to travel in a space shuttle wearing a special suit. We have nine (9) planets in our solar system. Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, 		

	GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING				
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
DURATION		The learner must be able to:			
		Space travel	 Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and Pluto. The nine (9) planets circle around the sun. The sun sits in the middle while the planets travel in circular paths around it. They all travel in the same direction. For the learners to understand gravity hang objects from the ceiling of your classroom using fishing line. This will help your learners to simulate the gravity in space. Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon on 20 July 1969. Activity: Give each learner a Styrofoam Ball (10 in total, 9 planets plus the sun, if you have more learners then that you can let some make stars, or moons). Let them design their own planet. When everyone is done you can put the solar system together. 		
Week 8 & 9	Fruit and Vegetables	 Identify and name fruit Identify and name vegetables Understand why we have to eat healthy Know how to prepare vegetables and fruit before eating them Say how to preserve and store them safely Clean up where you worked 	By now the learners have learned that fruit and vegetables are healthy and that our human bodies need it to stay healthy. An easy way to prepare a healthy meal is by making a salad. Activity: Make salad. (Fresh salad, potato salad, green been salad etc. Steps to follow if making a salad: • Get a bowl • Add vegetables you like • Add some meat if you want • Mix the ingredients together • Add some salad dressing if you want		

GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3 BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING				
APPROXIMATE TOPIC CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE				
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
			• Eat	

PUBLIC SAFETY	
First Year	Second Year
 Indicate and name dangerous places to play 	Identify electricity
Know rules when using public transport	Indicate and explain dangers of electricity
Select signs that warn us of danger	Point out and list poisonous and inflammable substances
	Know signs that warn us of danger
POLLUTION	
First Year	Second Year
Indicate what pollution is	Explain and list effects of pollution on people
 Name different types of pollution – water, land and air 	 Explain and list effects of pollution on the environment
SPACE	
First Year	Second Year
Show earth from space (what it looks like)	Understand and discuss Space travel
Identify stars and planets (what they look like)	
FRUIT AND VEGETABLES	
First Year	Second Year
Understand why we have to eat healthy	Understand how to preserve and store fruit and vegetables
Prepare vegetables and fruit before eating them	Know about hygiene when we work with food

2.1.15 Grade 3 Term 4

	GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4- BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING				
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
DURATION		The learner must be able to:			
Week 1 to 3	Products and Processes: Where does food/clothes/ money come from?	 Identify that there are processes behind many everyday items we use. Identify how processes change from basic ingredients to things we use. Identify 5 items that we get from plants Identify 5 items that we get from earth Identify 5 items that we get from animals Discuss : From plants – process – from cane to sugar Discuss : From earth – process – from clay to brick Know where money comes from and how it is used. 	 Teacher's Note: Learners need to understand that many of the things we use in our daily lives do not magically appear in our homes or the shops. There are many people whose jobs it is to make sure that these things come to our homes or the shops where we buy them. Assist the learners to investigate where milk, bread, eggs, meat, sugar, bricks, clothes, cars come from. If possible, arrange a tour to a farm, bakery, and local manufacturer so that they can learn about the different processes that are followed to make products. Bake bread with instant yeast in class: use this activity to show the learners the various steps involved in the process – collecting and mixing ingredients, kneading, rising, knocking down, second rise and baking. The bread that you buy at the shop has followed the same process. Discuss how different farmers provide us with things we need every day – maize, flour, milk, meat etc. Discuss how factories work to make items we use every day. The "How it's made" and "How stuff works" online videos are a great resource to use to show learners different processes. Teach the cane to sugar process to illustrate the different steps needed in producing an everyday item - sugar. Remember to keep it concrete and basic to allow the learners to grasp the concepts at their level of understanding: Grow sugarcane, 		

	GRADE 3	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4- BEGINNING	S KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
			 harvest, extract, evaporate, boil, store, refine, package, and sell: There are very good worksheets on the sucrose website When teaching the process from clay to brick, let the learners make their own small bricks if clay is available, or you can use play dough (coloured brown) to simulate clay – it can be air dried or baked in an oven to harden. Use the bricks the learners made to build a model wall / house. Introduce the concept of money and earning money to the learners. Keep it to a basic introduction – In grade 4 the learners will learn more details.
Week 4 & 5	Creatures and animals that can help us – with the work/protect us/help with special needs/help the soil/help the ecosystem	 Match animals and the products they give us: Food (goats and cows give milk and beef, chickens give eggs and chicken meat, bees give us honey) Clothes (Sheep give us wool, cows give us leather) Identify animals that work for us: Dogs as guide dogs, watch dogs, sniffer dogs Donkeys and Horses as draught animals or for transport Cows to pull ploughs and make 	Let the learners make collages and posters to illustrate the matches.

	GRADE 3 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4- BEGINNING KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING				
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
DURATION		The learner must be able to:			
Week 6 & 7	World of work	 fertilizer for the soil Bees and butterflies that help plants to grow – pollenation and earthworms that help make compost. Listen to / read/ tell stories about other animals like dolphins that helped people Explore different jobs at school Explore different jobs in the local community Identify different skills that the career require Identify likes and dislikes of different careers 	Create a career bulletin board for the learners in the class: Ask learners to bring pictures from magazines, newspapers or any other source, which they can find, pictures from. Together as a class brainstorm different careers and write all the ideas on the board. Every learner can select one or two careers and then design a poster about the career let the learners answer these questions about the career: Is it a dangerous career? Is it an essential career? Do you work by yourself or in a group? Does the career pay well? Does the career ask educational training from you? Is this a job that you would like to do or not? Paste everybody's poster on the bulletin board for everybody to see and learn about different careers.		

APPROXIMATE TOPIC CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE DURATION The learner must be able to: Invite people from the community to come to the class	
Invite people from the community to come to the class	
Week 8 & 9 I can be an entrepreneur • See an opportunity to make money for themselves The learners have now learned about different career they can create their own career. Explain to the learn company or a small grocery store or a spaza shop or very flexible topic and the teacher can decide how th in this process because the choice will be influenced circumstances and school rules. The teachers can as with their moneymaking idea by trying to find custor directing learners to identify a job they can do for class a special day can be allocated for the grade 3-claindividual learners can sell things or a class can wort make a profit to buy something for the class. The ket topic is to find something that the learners like to dwilling to buy. Make sure to spread the news of such a be a profit involved!	s but they also need to know that hers that a business can be a big the corner of the street. This is a e learners are going to participate by factors such as safety, home sist the learners to follow through hers for what is being sold or by mates. If the school will allow this ass entrepreneur day. If possible to together on a project to sell and by to a successful entrepreneuria o that is safe and that others are

PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES	
First Year	Second Year
Identify and explain that there are processes behind many everyday items we	 Discuss: From plants – process –from cane to sugar
use.	 Discuss: From earth – process – from clay to brick
Give examples of how processes change from basic ingredients to things we	 Know where money comes from and how it is used.
use.	
Identify and list 5 items that we get from plants	
Identify and list 5 items that we get from earth	
Identify and list 5 items that we get from animals	
CREATURES AND ANIMALS THAT CAN HELP US	
First Year	Second Year
Match animals and the products they give us	Identify and label animals that work for us
Food (goats and cows give milk and beef, chickens give eggs and chicken	Dogs as guide dogs, watch dogs, sniffer dogs
meat, bees give us honey)	Donkeys and Horses as animals or for transport
Clothes (Sheep give us wool, cows give us leather)	Cows to pull ploughs and make fertilizer for the soil
	Bees and butterflies that help plants to grow – pollination and earthworms that
	help make compost.
	Listen to / read/ tell stories about other animals like dolphins that helped
	people

WORLD AT WORK	
First Year	Second Year
Identify and explore different jobs at school	Identify and compare different skills that a career require
Identify and explore different jobs in the local community	Identify and discuss likes and dislikes of different careers
I CAN BE AN ENTREPRENEUR	
First Year	Second Year
• Discuss and give examples about opportunities to make money for	See and discuss an opportunity to make money for themselves
themselves	Make a plan and explain how to make money
Make a plan and explain how to make money	Make and sell a product
Make a product and tell how you would sell it	Receive and handle money

Learners will be in grade 4 for two years, so use the time allocated creatively to provide the learner with the skills and tools to become confident teenagers, who are able to deal with the new challenges posed to them in this phase of their life.

2.1.16 Grade 4 Term 1

GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1-			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week 1	Development	• Identify my body, my body	• Use the teachers guidelines and activities from Gr R to 3 as a resource for activities
	of the Self	parts and their functions, my	for the revision of my body, functions and senses.
	Positive self	senses	• Let the learner use his time line (Gr 3 term 1) to tell the class about his background
	concept	• Tell positive personal qualities:	and himself, (or for non-verbal learners - to make a collage) and use this as a
	formation	relationship with self, family,	baseline so that each learner can remember and understand that everyone is
		friends, personal interests,	different, but it is what makes our world so wonderful.
		abilities and potential	• Tell about my achievements. (to develop an idea of the learner's own strengths and
		Use strategies to build a	preferences)
		positive self-esteem	 Say: I like myself because
		Deal with successes and	 Show why I am special
		failures	• Show why my friend is special - to start creating awareness that my actions and
		• Identify positive and negative	words have an impact on others.
		feedback, understand how to	• Talk about less successful times / activities that you had. What lessons did you
		deal with it and say and why I	learn? How did you feel? How do you feel now? How can you turn mistakes into
		must be nice to others	opportunities to learn and grow?
		• Demonstrate how to give and	• Give learners an opportunity to role play a failure, and model good ways to deal with
		accept a compliment and	this. Remember, these learners are often visual learners, and will copy behaviour
		criticism	that you model.
			Role play and practice giving compliments and criticism.
Week 2	Development	Identify emotions (Revision	• Start with the work done in Grade 3 Term1 to revise identifying emotions learned and

	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1-			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION	of the Self	The learner must be able to: from earlier grades)	add the more abstract emotions like empathy, compassion, anger, disappointment	
		3 ,		
	Understanding	Understand what makes me	and sadness in the second year of Gr 4.	
	Emotions	feel happy, sad, scared, mad,	• Tell stories or shared reading about emotions and use this opportunity to get the	
		worried.	learners to understand where emotions come from. I feel happy because	
		• Identify feelings: love, joy, fear,	• Role play situations where learners have to show and communicate various	
		grief, jealousy, disappointment	emotions, for example: I am sad because I lost the race. I am disappointed because I	
		• Show and communicate all	did not make the team. Role play the correct way and the incorrect way, and assist	
		emotions in an appropriate way	the learners to choose which one is better.	
		• Identify emotions in others by	Link emotions to positive self concept building tasks.	
		looking at their expressions,	• Play games where learners must show emotions, and others must guess how the	
		listening to their words	person is feeling. Teach learners to be aware of other people's emotions, and how to	
		• Show or express empathy with	respect their feelings.	
		other's emotions. Show respect	• Talk about being a good friend, and practice how to be a good friend in situations that	
		for other's emotions	arise in class.	
Week 3 and 4	Development	Changes in boys and girls	Teacher's Note: This is a challenging topic for any teacher or parent, but you need to be	
	of the Self	(puberty)	aware, that even though the learner has a severe intellectual disability , he / she is	
	Changes in	• Talk about changes in boys and	physically and sexually developing normally and will need to be prepared for their own	
	boys and girls	girls: puberty and gender	body's changes, even if it is with a very limited and concrete understanding of what is	
		Talk about physical and	happening. Deal with the lessons in a sensitive, but open manner. It is recommended	
		emotional changes	that this topic is covered in mixed gender classes, because they will be exposed to each	
		• Understand the changes and	other outside of the classroom, and they will get all sorts of messages from their peers	
		how these impact on	and others in the community. Deal with the more personal / practical issues in gender	
		relationships	separate groups.	
		Show respect for own and	• Know why my body is changing: I am beginning to be an adult, so that I can have a	
			Know why my body is changing: I am beginning to be an adult, so that I can have	

		GRADE 4 LIFE	SKILLS – TERM 1-
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC		ARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to: others' body changes and b	paby, and start a family
			Know that I must respect my own body and other people's bodies. What is my
			personal space, where and how am I allowed to touch other people, and the same for
			them touching me.
			Know how my body is changing / will be changing:
			 Boys: body grows bigger, voice changes, body hair grows, muscles develop, body
			odour, acne, erections, wet dreams, penis grows longer, testes get bigger, sexual
			thoughts, strong emotions
			Girls: breasts develop, menstruation begins, body grows taller, body hair grows,
			body odour, weight gain, body fat increases, vaginal discharge, sexual thoughts,
			strong emotions
			Know how to look after my body: wash / bath daily to keep clean and use deodorant
			o prevent body odour,
		• •	Boys practice how to shave,
		• •	Girls learn about how to wear a bra, how to deal with menstruation. (Practice these
		t	asks in gender separate groups and during daily routine activities)
		• F	Know that boys and girls must have privacy (e.g. seperate bathrooms) and we must
		r	respect that we may be feeling different about each other.
		• 5	Say where babies come from. (This must be done on a very basic functional level -
		t	here are many lovely books available, but it is recommended that when sourcing
		t	books, the teacher looks at the books for 7 to 10 year olds, to make sure the content
		i i	s presented in a simple and concrete manner.)
) · F	Practice how to say NO to bad touch and practice how to ask for help if I am unsure
Week 5 and 6	Health and	Identify healthy food & F	Refer to the South African Food Based Dietary Guides for ideas on how to present
	environmental	unhealthy food (Food that is h	nealthy eating and dietary habits in a truly South African context:

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	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1-			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
	responsibility Healthy eating & dietary habits	 good for my body and food that is bad for my body) Understand why I must eat healthy Show what a balanced meal should look like. Know when to stop eating Know to prepare food with clean hands and on clean surfaces Say how to preserve and store food safely Know when good food is dangerous, e.g. chicken left outside of the fridge on a hot day, or mouldy bread. Know not to eat food that you are not sure of. Use basic kitchen utensils safely – knife, can opener, knife, stove top, kettle etc Prepare and eat a basic meal Clean up where you worked 	 Enjoy a variety of foods. Be active! Make starchy foods part of most meals. Eat plenty of vegetables and fruit every day. Eat dry beans, split peas, lentils and soya regularly. Have milk, maas or yoghurt every day. Fish, chicken, lean meat or eggs can be eaten daily. Drink lots of clean, safe water. Use fats sparingly. Choose vegetable oils, rather than hard fats. Use sugar and foods and drinks high in sugar sparingly. The Food Pyramid is another widely used resource for teaching about healthy eating and dietary habits. When teaching why I must eat healthy food, try to keep the messages positive – e.g. So that my body can be strong, so that I can have energy to learn etc. In preparing and eating a basic meal, use easily sourced and traditionally available ingredients. Also look at different ways to prepare food – think about the young adult living in a small house with a very limited budget / or home alone after school. Teach the learner to use a spoon, as well as a fork and knife when eating. Use the school nutrition programme as a time to reinforce what has been learned. Teach the learner that food safety includes leaving the area where you cook and eat clean and tidy. 	

		GRADE 4	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1-
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION Week 7	Health and	The learner must be able to:Identify types of drugs used:	. In teaching this tonis, the teacher must hear in mind that the learners are year.
VVEEK /			• In teaching this topic, the teacher must bear in mind that the learners are very
	environmental	alcohol, cigarettes, medicine,	vulnerable, and can easily fall prey to the negative influences of society. Their
	responsibility	and dagga. Include other drugs	judgement on right and wrong is often based on very concrete things, so when
	Substance	when they are prevalent in your	talking about this topic, it is best to be very straightforward, and teach the learners
	Abuse	area	very basic rules, e.g.:
		• Say why substance abuse is	 Alcohol is BAD
		bad for you	 Cigarettes are BAD
		Identify symptoms of substance	\circ Only take the medicine the doctor gives me, and only as much as he tells me to
		abuse	take.
		• Know why I must take the	 Only take medicine from my parent or the nurse at school
		medicine my Doctor gives me,	\circ Tell an adult if anyone wants to give you medicine or cigarettes
		but not the medicine that my	Use the posters available from SANCA and other support groups to show learners
		friend has or someone gives to	what substance abuse can do to your body
		me	Practice how to say NO to drugs
		Say NO to drugs	Practice who and how to ask for help when exposed to drugs
		Ask for help	Practice what to do when you know of someone who is using drugs
			Know that it is never too late to ask for help
			• Give the learners the numbers to call for SANCA, Childline or the police station.
			• Use this topic to give the learners opportunities to act out life events that they may
			have experienced. You can stage a wedding, and put on a show for the school.
			Learners can bring items from home that they used / wore at these life events.
			 Use your Daily Routine time to reflect on the events the learners in your class may be
			going to / or have attended.
			• Our South African heritage is rich with commonalities and differences in the way we

	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1-			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	celebrate these events, use the opportunity to encourage the learners to talk about	
			different ways we celebrate these events / clothes we wear in different local cultures,	
	Social		and where they are similar.	
	Responsibility	Talk about cultural rites of		
		passage	• Teach the learners traditional songs and dances that are sung / performed at these	
		Name important life events in	events	
		the individual's life in South	• Learners can be asked to talk about events they have attended, bring photos to show	
		African cultures: births,	and tell.	
		baptism, birthdays,	• Say what the personal and social significance of each event is- this may be a task	
		engagement, weddings,	for the second year in Grade 4, and can be presented at very concrete levels and	
		funeral.	graded to include reflecting on the emotions felt, or significant lessons learnt for the	
		• Tell what happens at these	stronger learners.	
		events		
		Practice good behaviour and		
		good communication that is		
		appropriate at these events		
Week 8	World of Work	Show Respect to all the	This is an introduction to the world of work. Many rules are similar to the rules in	
	The Rules of the	workers, customers, my tools,	school, but these rules are unspoken requirements to be successful in the workplace.	
	Workplace:	my workplace and my job	 Introduce the rules to the learners with a basic explanation of the importance of the 	
		Be at work	rules, and how it is applied in the workplace.	
		Greet employer and co-	• Use pictures, sign language, rote learning and collages to get the learners to	
		employees upon arrival and at	remember as many of the rules as possible.	
		home time	• Make reminder cards for the learners who need to pay attention to specific rules to	
		Report when absent	ensure that their behaviour would be acceptable in a workplace, and not hinder them	

	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1-			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:Sign register in and out every	when looking for employment.	
		day	 To reinforce the rules, the teacher can amend the Classroom rules to incorporate the 	
		Be on time	Rules of the Workplace, and get the learners to try to apply the rules.	
		Wear your uniform	• Teach the learners how to and get them in the habit of signing in an attendance	
		Do your best	register.	
		Work hard	Practice the skill of asking for leave.	
		Report if you break it	Role play reporting that you have broken something,	
		Report if it is not working	• Practice how to ask permission to take a school item home, and to bring it back.	
		• Get written permission to take	Enforce school uniform rules	
		anything home / use work items	• Show the learners what a happy worker looks like, and how being a happy worker	
		at home	can ensure success in the workplace.	
Week 9	World of Work	Describe how we can pay for	• When teaching about money, it is important to (where possible) use real money	
	History of	things	before moving on to colour prints or posters of money. Once the learner is able to	
	Money	Traditional societies	identify the actual notes and coins, the teacher can start using colour pictures and	
		bartering	then black and white copies of money.	
		promissory notes	• Let the learners do homework by finding out how much different items cost, from	
		coins	basic foodstuff, school clothes, bus tickets, to services like DSTV, electricity for the	
		paper money	month etc.	
		electronic banking	• Use the colour advertisements in the papers to get the learners to understand that	
		• Tell about the role of money in	you need different amounts of money to buy e.g. bread and a cell phone. Get the	
		society: To give a value to a	learners to find the cheapest items on sale flyers or compare costs.	
		service or item		
		Understand where money		
	X	comes from: when you work,		

	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1-			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
		you are paid for the work you		
		do.		
		• Look at cost of various items		
		and say how much money I will		
		need to buy it		

DEVELOPMENT OF SELF	
First Year	Second Year
Identify my body, my body parts and their functions	Topics covered in first year
Tell positive personal qualities	Identify positive and negative feedback, understand how to deal with it and
Use strategies to build a positive self-esteem	say and why I must be nice to others
Deal with successes and failures	Demonstrate how to give and accept a compliment and criticism
UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS	
First Year	Second Year
Identify emotions (Revision From earlier grades)	Topics covered in first year
Understand what makes me feel happy, sad, scared, mad, worried.	Show and communicate all emotions in an appropriate way
Identify feelings: love, joy, fear, grief, jealousy, disappointment	Identify emotions in others
	Show or express empathy with other's emotions. Show respect for other's
	emotions
CHANGES IN BOYS AND GIRLS	
First Year	Second Year
Talk about changes in boys and girls: puberty and gender	Assess topics covered in first year
Talk about physical and emotional changes	Understand the changes and how these impact on relationships
	Show respect for own and others' body changes and emotions
	Show appreciation and acceptance of self and others

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY	
First Year	Second Year
Identify healthy food & unhealthy food	Topics covered in first year
Understand why I must eat healthy	Use basic kitchen utensils safely
Show what a balanced meal should look like.	Prepare and eat a basic meal
Know when to stop eating	Clean up where you worked
Know to prepare food with clean hands and on clean surfaces	
Say how to preserve and store food safely	
Know when good food is dangerous.	
Know not to eat food that you are not sure of.	
SUBSTANCE ABUSE	
First Year	Second Year
Identify types of drugs used.	Topics covered in first year
Say why substance abuse is bad for you	Ask for help
Identify symptoms of substance abuse	
• Know why I must take the medicine my Doctor gives me, but not the medicine	
that my friend has or someone gives to me	
Say NO to drugs	
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	
First Year	Second Year
Talk about cultural rites of passage	Topics covered in first year
• Name important life events in the individual's life in South African cultures.	• Practice good behaviour and good communication that is appropriate at these
Tell what happens at these events	events

WORLD OF WORK	
First Year	Second Year
• Tell the first 6 work rules	Say and adhere to all 12 work rules
Greet other persons appropriately	Report if something is broken or not working
Sign a sing-in/out register	 Ask permission to take school items home
HISTORY OF MONEY	
First Year	Second Year
 Describe 5 ways how we can pay for things 	Topics covered in first year
Tell about the role of money in society	Understand where money comes from
	Look at cost of various items and say how much money I will need to buy it

2.1.17 Grade 4 Term 2

			LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2
	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
		The learner must be able to.	
DURATION Week 1	Development of the Self Personal experience of working in a group	 The learner must be able to: Have personal experience of working in a group: at school and home School: as member of a class, in a school or class or small group project or activity Home: as member of a family, working and getting along with siblings Know benefits of working in a 	 Tell a story to illustrate working together. Shared readers can be used or a nice story to use is the tale of two donkeys. The teacher can use the pictures to guide the learners to work out the story. Give the learners a group project to do where the successful completion is dependent on every learner doing the task allocated. A task can be to tell the learners to sort different coloured counters under a time limit, and saying that the learner with the most counters will win a prize. If this task is presented well, the first try where everyone is working for themselves, will end up in chaos, but when tasks are divided – learners agree and choose colours
		 group Name challenges of working in a group Know useful responses to challenges of working in a group 	 beforehand, then it will be much more orderly, and everyone will have the same amount of counters – everyone wins. Give learners a homework task – report back on who does which tasks at home, and what happens if one person is not doing their tasks (This is also a good opportunity

	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
			up food or cleaning the class.	
			Practice asking for help from a team member.	
			Practice giving positive and constructive feedback on work done. (Use this practice	ce to
			build on establishing a positive self-concept – Gr 4 term 1)	
Week 2	Development	Identify different people in my	• Use the learners' prior knowledge and start from their personal experience	e in
	of the Self	world.	identifying different people in their world (My family, My School, My Friends). Build	d on
	Relationships	Know their role and position.	this to include other role players, for example the Principal, the HOD, the Clea	aner,
	with different	• Practice how to communicate	the Secretary, the Policeman, the Mayor, the Shopkeeper, and the Banker. Add o	other
	people (peers,	with different people, different	role players that they have not yet been introduced to e.g. my Boss, my Employee	e.
	strangers, older	greetings, different forms of	• Show and tell the learners about the different lines of communication in the sch	nool,
	people,	address, different ways to show	and the different roles people have. You could explain the IQMS process to	the
	supervisors)	respect.	learners (in very basic and concrete terms: The Principal is checking to see if	l as
		 Know safe and unsafe 	your teacher is doing my work) to illustrate lines of	
		relationships	reporting. Draw a comparison between a learner's	
		• Know bad and good	relationship with a supportive and loving teacher and	222
		relationships	a worker's relationship with a demanding Boss, who	
		Know benefits of good and safe	only pays him for work done. 3. I forgive you	
		relationships	When practicing different ways of address, and A. Thank you	
			greeting different people, use role play or modelling of	Lorg
			basic good and bad ways to interact, e.g. you can high five your friend, but not	t the
			Principal. Show traditional ways to interact with my elders versus seeing a frien	nd in
			the Mall. A nice game to play (that will also take learners out of their comfort z	zone
			and encourage them to interact with "new" people) is to place them in two lines fa	icing
			each other, starting with a friend opposite. They show how they would greet e	each

GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2				
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
			 other in various situations. Then the learners must move one person on in the line and demonstrate how they would greet the new person in front of them. When teaching about good and bad relationships, safe and unsafe relationships; remember to be concrete, and provide the learner with easy to understand examples. Teach the learners to report to a trusted adult if they are uncomfortable or getting hurt. Let the learners identify trusted adults and other people in their lives that they can go to for help in different situations, e.g. the nurse when I am hurt or sick, my teacher when I am sad or angry. Teach the learners look after each other, and to use positive language when interacting with each other. 	
Week 3	Development of the Self Good leaders / good followers	 Know that a good leader: listens to people; is a servant of the people and works for the good of others; works with a team; has courage; is brave; is dedicated and committed and will give up something for the sake of others. Know that only a good follower can be a good leader. Good followers and good leaders have the same values 	 Talk about Nelson Mandela and the example he set as a good leader. Model and demonstrate good leadership and followership. In practicing working in a group, give learners opportunities to be the leader and the follower. Let them tell how they felt in the roles, guide them to think about their preferences. Practice asking for help from the leaders, and practice giving instructions to team members. Practice giving positive and negative feedback on tasks done as a group Give learners specific leadership duties in class, to practice the skills of being a good leader, e.g. lead the class to assembly and remind classmates to be quiet. 	

		GRADE 4	4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
	TOPIC Health and environmental responsibility Food hygiene and storage:	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	 CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE Teach learners to where and how to check for sell by dates when buying food, and not to buy or eat food that is old / expired. Use the South African Food Based Dietary Guides to teach the learners what healthy food in the South African context is. Teach learners about preparing food with clean hands, in a clean area and on clean surfaces. Teach about cross contamination between raw and cooked food – e.g. washing chopping boards between chopping meat / poultry and vegetables, and washing it again before putting the cooked meat on top Making tea and presenting it to guests is a great activity to incorporate practicing kitchen safety as well as social skills. Teach learners to prepare and cook basic starches, protein and vegetables. Teach them to use ingredients like pilchards or eggs in different ways to make nutritious meals. Be aware of the locally available foods and menus that their parents may be following. Teach learners how to store basic food items at home, both in urban and rural settings, how to store leftovers safely, and when to throw food away. Let learners smell and look at food that is safe, and then smell and look at the same food when it has gone off, has become mouldy and is no longer safe, e.g. fresh and mouldy bread, fresh and bad fruit and vegetables, or flour with mites. Learners must know what NOT to eat.
			• When identifying food-borne diseases, keep it basic and concrete, like being fat (obesity) if you eat too much, or being too thin (anorexia) if you eat too little, stomach cramps, diarrhoea, vomiting if you eat food that is bad. If you do not eat fruit and

			LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week 7	Social Responsibility Human Rights and Responsibility	 Know the broad outlines of South African Democracy Understand what Human Rights are and name at least of the 5 most important rights Understand the word "citizenship" Know that rights come with responsibilities Rights and Responsibilities of a Young Adult 	 vegetables, you can get heart disease, high blood pressure, get weak, sick and ever get cancer. If you do not eat diary, your bones will get weak, and if you do not drink water, you can die. The history of South Africa gives a teacher background and an introduction to the Bil of Rights enshrined in the Constitution. Even though the learners may not fully grasp the historical events, tell them about how our Democracy came into being in 1994 tell them how our country has grown into democracy, and give your learners a sense of pride in their Citizenship of our wonderful country, South Africa. Introduce the Bill of Rights and the broad meaning of the rights enshrined in the document. Choose the rights that are most relevant to the learners in your school to use as the (at least) 5 they need to know and understand. Link the 5 rights to the responsibilities they carry. "A Bill of Responsibilities For The Youth Of South Africa" on the Education portal is a document that will assist in teaching learners that with rights come responsibilities aimed at the youth of South Africa. This may be a complex document to use, bu there are many easy to adapt "Children's rights and responsibilities" work sheets and charts available. Remember to pitch your work to the learners' chronological age as

	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2				
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
		The learner must be able to.			
Week 8	World of Work	• Explore different jobs at school.	Introduce the topic by revising what is work and the characteristics of a good worker		
	Value and	• Explore jobs in the local	as well as the rules taught in term 1.		
	Importance of	community.	• A fun way for the learners to look at the world of work at school is to have a "talk		
	Work in fulfilling	Identify own preferences and	show", where they can interview different employees at school, and find out how the		
	personal needs	dislikes	rules apply to them.		
	and potential:	Know why I must work	• Shadowing different people at school, to see their contribution to the school, and		
		• Know what motivates me to	getting to know why they are working, would be a way to challenge the learners to		
		work	explore their own ideas on the world of work, and they can practice the skills they		
		Know the consequences if I do	learned in Week 2.		
		not work	• The teacher can assign homework to learners to investigate jobs that the adults in		
			their lives do, and to find out why they work.		
			• The learners can start building their own portfolio of jobs they like in a scrap book,		
			and also add pictures of why they would like to have a job. In their second year in the		
			grade, encourage the learner to explore a job they think they may not like, and		
			challenge them to find out why people are choosing to do the job, e.g. a learner who		
			does not like getting dirty, may find out more about gardening.		
			• Challenge the learners to think beyond "earning money" as reasons to work, and		
			"being poor and hungry" as a consequence of not working. Look at the social benefits		
			of working, feeling good about a job well done, etc. However, having to earn money		
			is a reality, and learners need to understand that often a person must do a job to		
			earn a living, even though that job may not be their personal choice.		
Week 9	World of Work	• Know the difference between	• A fun way to introduce the topic is to let the learners reflect on the work done the		
	How to use	needs and wants	week before and to dream about what they would do with the money they will earn		
	money wisely:	Understand that there is limited	once they have a job. Let them list things they will buy.		

		GRADE 4	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
	wants and needs	resources to satisfy needs and wants • Know that wages are usually paid once per month. • Know about a personal budget • Understand the risks of buying on credit	 Use this list to break down what can be classified as "something I need" and "something I want". Use pictures of the items listed and let learners place these under headings "need" and "want". Introduce the reality of having to pay for rent, taxes, electricity, water, transport etc, and having to budget for food. These count as needs. A concrete way to teach budgeting is to use envelopes and money, and teaching the learner to share out a fixed (realistic) wage into envelopes earmarked for certain expenses. Show them that spending more on luxuries (wants) like KFC, can end up in not having noney at the end of the month, or having no money for needs When teaching learners about the risks of buying on credit, it is necessary to be very concrete when explaining interest and percentages. Use easy calculations to explain that you end up paying lots of money and for a very long for items that may be broken or stolen before it is paid off. You can not stop paying, because the moneylenders will find you and make you pay, or take away other things you own to make up for their losses

DEVELOPMENT OF SELF – PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF WORKING IN A GR	OUP
First Year	Second Year
Tell about a personal experience of working in a group at school	Topics covered in first year
Describe one experience of working in a family group	Name 3 challenges of working in a group
List 3 benefits of working in a group	Demonstrate useful responses to challenges of working in a group
DEVELOPMENT OF SELF - RELATIONSHIPS WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE	
First Year	Second Year
Identify different people in my world.	Topics covered in first year
Know their role and position.	Know safe and unsafe relationships
Demonstrate communicating with different people.	Know bad and good relationships
	Know benefits of good and safe relationships
GOOD LEADERS/GOOD FOLLOWERS	Second Year
First Year	Topics covered in first year
List 7 values of a good leader	 Know that only a good follower can be a good leader.
	 Know that good followers and good leaders have the same values
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY - FOOD HYGIENE AND S	TORAGE
First Year	
Know safe and harmful ingredients	Second Year
Practice food preparation	Topics covered in first year
Use basic kitchen utensils safely	Prepare and eat a basic meal
Clean up where you worked	

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - HUMAN RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY	
First Year	Second Year
Describe the term "democracy"	Topics covered in first year
• List any four basic human rights as listed in the constitution (bill of rights)	• List any five basic human rights as listed in the constitution (bill of rights)
Explain the term "citizenship"	Tell the difference between a right and a responsibility
Discuss your role as a citizen in your home, school and community	
WORLD OF WORK - VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF WORK	
First Year	Second Year
Identify different types of work done by people	Provide three reasons why it is necessary to work
List the different types of work done at school	List three consequences of not working
Identify five jobs in your community	Identify your best job you would like to do and provide three reasons
State four jobs you wish to do	
WORLD OF WORK - HOW TO USE MONEY WISELY	
First Year	Second Year
Discuss the term "need" and "wants"	Topics covered in first year
Know the difference between needs and wants	Look at cost of various items and say how much money I will need to buy it
Identify needs for yourself, your family and your school community	Understand the value of a household budget against your needs and wants

2.1.18 Grade 4 Term 3

GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3				
TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
	The learner must be able to:			
Development	• Identify own strengths, abilities,	• Introduce this topic by playing a game e.g. Let the learners all stand in the middle of		
of the Self	interests and potential	the room, and present them with two choices, e.g. I like to eat meat or I like to eat		
Abilities,	• Identify strengths, ability,	sweets. Learners must then choose their favourite and move to a side of the room,		
Interests and	interests and potential in others	depending on their preferences. Grade the choices, to give the learners an		
potential	• Tell about successful	opportunity to think about their strengths, abilities, interests and potential. At the end		
	experiences as a result of own	of the game, the learners can use the scrap book they started in term 2 to build a		
	strengths: achievements and	portfolio of their own.		
	exciting experiences at school	• Let the learners present their scrapbooks to the class, and encourage class mates to		
	and home	give positive feedback to the learner presenting on what they see as their strengths,		
	• Tell about less successful	abilities, interests and potential. Point out that we are all unique with qualities that		
	experiences	contribute in different ways		
	• Demonstrate ways to convert	 Encourage the learners to keep on growing and challenging themselves. 		
	less successful experiences	• Model and role play how to cope with failure. Give the learners guidelines on how to		
	into positive learning	deal with the emotions they will feel, and teach them strategies to learn from		
	experiences: use strengths to	mistakes. Remember to grade the lessons to begin with smaller failures like I spilled		
	improve weaknesses	my food, and in the second year, it can be graded to dealing with bigger failures like I		
		did not make the team or I am not able to go on an outing.		
		Teach the learners how to cope with losing and how to be a good winner.		
Development	Peer Pressure	Teacher's note: As a teacher, one wants to protect the learners in your care. However,		
of the Self	 Identify what peer pressure is 	they are vulnerable, and will be exposed to negative side of the world. By teaching them		
Peer pressure,	Give examples of peer pressure	very basic and concrete ways / steps to know what is happening, and how to deal with		
bullying, child	in school and community	the situations, you will be meeting your mandate as a teacher to prepare the learner to		
	Development of the Self Abilities, Interests and potential Development of the Self Peer pressure,	TOPICCONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:Development of the Self• Identify own strengths, abilities, interests and potentialAbilities, Interests and potential• Identify strengths, ability, interests and potential in others• Tell about strengths:achievements and exciting experiences at school and home• Tell aboutabout strengths:• Tell aboutabout strengths:• Tell aboutbout strengths:• Tell aboutabout experiences at school and home• Tell aboutabout less• Demonstrate 		

	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3				
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC		CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION			The learner must be able to:		
	abuse	and	 Identify what can happen if I fall 	enter the world confidently once they leave the safety of school. Keep your advice and	
	violent		prey to peer pressure	lessons clear, use easy to understand words and messages, and give your learners	
	situations.		Practice how to deal with peer	tools to use to keep themselves safe, once they leave your care. Let them practice to	
			pressure	ask for help, and if you do become aware of a bad situation, ensure that the necessary	
			Bullying	referrals are made, and support given to the learner in need.	
			 Identify what bullying is 	On the other hand, we do not want to teach our learners to be fearful persons, so stay	
			• Give examples of bullying in	away from scary messages like "stranger danger", rather empower learners to identify	
			school and community	bad situations, know when and practice how seek help, know where to find safe places	
			 Practice how to deal with bullies 	or people and how to be assertive in situations.	
			and bullying	There are very good policies in place, and support is available from various structures	
			 Get out of the bullying habit 	within the DBE or Department of Social Services to assist the teacher to deal with this	
			Child Abuse	topic.	
			 Identify what child abuse is 		
			Give examples of abuse in		
			school and community.		
			(remember neglect is also a		
			form of child abuse)		
			Practice how to deal with child		
			abuse and abusive situations.		
			Violent situations		
			 Identify what violence / violent 		
			situations are		
			Give examples of violence /		
		X	violent situations in school and		

	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3				
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
		 community Practice how to deal with and get away from / out of violent situations 			
Week 4	Development of the Self	 know body changes and practice how to deal with them 	 Give learners opportunities to reflect on their personal development and ask question that they may have. Encourage learners to be positive and excited about their development and help them to build strong self-esteem. Practice skills such as shaving, using deodorant, dealing with menstruation, cleanliness etc. Teachers Note: Ensure that the school management has put proper systems in place to support young girls with their menstrual needs: Separate private bathrooms, area to wash, adequate sanitary supplies, safe places to dispose of sanitary supplies and pain support. 		
Week 5	Health and environmental responsibility HIV & AIDS education basic facts.	 Give a basic explanation of HIV and AIDS Understand transmission of HIV through blood and body fluids Know how HIV is not transmitted Know how to protect oneself against infection through blood and body fluids Practice how to interact with 	 There is lots of information, but also many misconceptions and false information around in schools and in the community about HIV & Aids. As a way to introduce the topic, and gauge where to pitch the lesson, the teacher may have circle time and ask the learners to tell what they have heard about HIV and AIDS. Collect all the stories and information without any judgement, and then talk to the learners about the real facts. Use pictures and rhymes to get the basic information across. Teach learners about personal and sexual safety, but not to be fearful or discriminatory in their interactions with people. Be prepared to deal with questions about dying and death, as this topic would often 		

	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
		people who are HIV+	come up when dealing with this HIV and Aids	
		Be aware of stigma		
Week 6	Health and	Show and follow road signs	Learners respond well to having an outside space (track) with the relevant road signs	
	environmental	applicable to pedestrians and	where they can learn how to follow the rules and practice this. Let them push wire	
	responsibility	cyclists	cars or steering wheels on sticks around the track. Let them show good and bad	
	Traffic Rules	• Demonstrate good passenger	behaviour, but be very clear on the correct way to be on the road.	
	relevant to road	behaviour	• Use colour pictures of the road signs to teach the meaning of signs and let the	
	users	Know railway/bus/taxi/car	learners practice to follow the instructions given by the road signs.	
		safety (how to look out for, how	Use visual reminders of good passenger behaviour where it may be appropriate	
		to approach, how to get on and	Be a good model for the learners when using private or public transport.	
		off, how to behave in trains,		
		busses, taxis or cars and never		
		interfere with the driver.)		
Week 7	Social	Deal with peer pressure,	Role play situations and demonstrate to the learners good ways of dealing with these	
	Responsibility	bullying, child abuse and violent	situations. Let the learners practice how to deal with the situations	
		situations.	• Let the learners "set the scene" of a play, and perform it to other classes.	
Week 8	World of Work	No stealing	Introduce the topic by revising the rules of what to do at work.	
		No fighting	Use similar strategies as described in term 1 to teach and practice the rules	
	The Rules of the	No weapons	• Use humorous real life stories to explain what happens if rules are broken to help the	
	Workplace, and	No alcohol or drugs	learners remember and understand the rule, for example a domestic helper who lets	
	what I am NOT	• No sex, No boyfriend, No	her boyfriend visit the employer's house, or the drunk groundsman who cuts the	
	allowed to do at	girlfriend	wrong trees down.	
	work	No cell phones	Teach the learners the good decisions to make when faced with temptations to break	
			the rules.	

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	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3				
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
		 No friends and family members coming to visit No going to visit friends and nearby shops No selling No sleeping 			
Week 9	World of Work Economic Cycle	 Identify the producer, supplier and consumer Describe the relationship between them Discuss Wants and Needs and how they link to the cycle Understand money, value and costing built into the cycle Introduce entrepreneurship 	 Revise wants and needs, and the history of money as a way to introduce the topic. Use visually clear and basic concepts to illustrate – refer to work done in Gr 3 term 4 to have a familiar point of reference for the learners. Use toys or build a factory / shop to illustrate the process Show the link between the economic cycle and entrepreneurship at home. 		

SUGGESTED LIFE SKILLS ASSESSMENT GOALS

Assessment is formally recorded during the term with a minimum of 1 formal and 4 practical reported on, excluding Physical Education and Creative Arts assessment goals.

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ow how to deal with child abuse and abusive situations.
ow how to deal with and get away from / out of violent situations

BODY CHANGES	
First Year	Second Year
Know body changes and talk about what is happening	Topics covered in first year
	Show how to deal with body changes
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY HIV & AIDS	
First Year	Second Year
Give a basic explanation of HIV and AIDS	Topics covered in first year
Explain transmission of HIV through blood and body fluids	 Show how to interact with people who are HIV+
Know how HIV is not transmitted	Talk about stigma
Know how to protect oneself against infection through blood and body fluids	
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	
First Year	Second Year
Demonstrate how to deal with peer pressure	Demonstrate how to deal with violent situations
Tell how you will deal with bullying	Explain what you will do when you are abused by parents/family members
TRAFFIC RULES	
First Year	Second Year
Show and follow road signs applicable to pedestrians and cyclists	Topics covered in first year
Demonstrate good passenger behavior	Demonstrate good railway/bus/taxi/car safety:
	how to look out for
	how to approach
	how to get on and off
	how to behave in trains, buses, taxis or cars
WORLD OF WORK	
First Year	Second Year
Say the first 5 NO rules	Say 10 NO rules

ECONOMIC CYCLE	
First Year	Second Year
Identify the producer, supplier and consumer	Topics covered in first year
Describe the relationship between the producer, supplier and consumer	Understand money, value and costing built into the cycle
Discuss Wants and Needs and how they link to the cycle	Explain entrepreneurship

2.1.19 Grade 4 Term 4

		GRADE 4	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION Week 1		The learner must be able to:	Teacher's Note: Be aware that when you are talking about a learner with a disability in
			your class, that you use person first terminology e.g. you are not teaching a "Downsie" –
			you are teaching a learner with Down Syndrome. Be mindful to use proper names for
			the learner's disability: "Mental Handicap" and "Retardation" are outdated and
			disrespectful terms - the correct term is Intellectual Disability. Use the terminology a
			"learner with intellectual disability" and not an "intellectual disabled learner". Our learners
			face enough disrespect, discrimination and derogation in their communities, we as their
			teachers need to respect and be mindful of the fact that we have a young person as a
			learner in front of us, not just a disability, symptom or behaviour. Encourage this
			respectful attitude throughout your school, with parents and the community.
			By empowering learners to know and understand their disability(ies), and by assisting
			them to incorporate the disability into a positive self-concept, teachers can build young
			adults who will be better equipped to contribute to their communities.
	Development	• Identify their own disability(ies)	• Use the correct terminology to name disability. In some of the official languages, the
	of the Self	with the correct term(s)	medical terminology to name disabilities may not exist, so where necessary use
	Me and my	Describe the disability	descriptive terms, but not derogatory terms.
	disability	• Talk about the impact the	• When describing the disability, focus on impairments or symptoms, and not
		disability has on body function	judgements.
		etc.	• Encourage the learners to talk about their own experiences of their disability, as
		• Build positive self-concept, with	related to their success stories, or abilities or lessons learned (in the scrap book that
		the disability as part of the	they are building).
		personal makeup of an	
		individual	

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		GRADE 4	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION Week 2	Development	The learner must be able to:Identify what is feedback	Use teacher guided modelling of behaviour to show the appropriate socially (and
WEEK Z	of the Self	•	
		Practice giving and receiving	traditional) accepted ways of giving positive feedback (compliments) and negative
	Receiving and	feedback to peers	feedback (criticism). Be aware of cultural differences that may be relevant to your
	giving feedback	Practice giving and receiving	local community.
		feedback from adults	 Use role play or situational events to practice appropriate behaviour
		• Identify what is positive and	• Keep in mind that this task must still assist the learner to build a positive self-concept.
		negative feedback	• Initially keep it basic and concrete. During the second year that the learner is in the
		Practice appropriate ways of	grade, the situations set for practice may become more challenging, and require
		giving positive feedback	more self-control to handle, or be more confrontational (e.g. an employer shouting
		 Practice appropriate ways of 	because of a broken item). Remember that at school the learners are very protected,
		giving negative feedback	and this is not always true of the communities where they live.
		 Practice appropriate ways of 	
		receiving negative feedback	
		• Practice appropriate ways of	
		receiving positive feedback	
Week 3 and 4	Development	Know when to ask for help	• Teacher's Note: Problem Solving and Asking for help are simple concepts, but very
	of the Self	Know who to ask	hard to do. Teach the learners to think through challenges following the steps taught.
	Asking for help	Practice asking for help	When they think they can fix a problem, let them try, before asking for help. If the
	& problem	 Do what you are advised 	problem is not solved, then they can ask for help. Encourage them to persist in
	solving	Check results	asking for help (politely), even if they get into trouble for asking for help. Where
	Ask for help	Give thanks for the assistance	possible, do not allow learners to give up or abandon tasks, as experiencing and
		 Problem Solving 	dealing with failure are also necessary skills to learn when building a positive self-
		Ū	concept. However, when deciding on grading of challenges and tasks, do your
		Identify the problem	utmost best to let the learners experience success more often than failure.
		Think of solutions, or ask for	

GRADE 4 I			LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		Try out a solution Decide if the problem is solved If not – try another solution until problem is solved And never give up	 Use flowcharts and pictures to guide the learners to learn the steps Use various activities to practice problem solving and asking for help with the flowcharts as guides. Create scenarios to let the learners explore how and when to ask for help. Remember to grade challenges set from concrete and known to more abstract and new. Create obstacle courses, building projects or other challenges to practice problem
			solving on a concrete level.
Week 5	Healthandenvironment-talrespon-sibilityJangers in andaroundmyhouseandenvironment.	 Identify dangers Fire Water Chemicals Electricity Things that can cause falling, tripping and other injuries Know safety rules for the above risks Practice evacuation plans or reporting problems at school 	 Use the "Learn not to Burn" programme to teach safety around fire: Stay away from hot things - they can burn you Stay away from hot water - it can burn you Matches and lighters can burn you - leave them alone Stay away from paraffin - it can hurt you Stay away from flames and fire - they can burn you Stay away form flames and fire - they can burn you If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop and roll! Cool a burn with cool water If your house is on fire, get out and stay outside Firefighters are helpers Keep the lesson concrete and provide the learners with easy to follow rules. Remember to tell the learner what to do, rather than what not to do Use pictures, line drawings and collages to make safety charts Do problem solving scenarios around safety – skill taught in the previous week Teach the learners the telephone numbers to call in an emergency and practice how to make the call and what to say.
Week 6	Health and environment-	Identify local environmental health problems:	Contact the local Primary Health Clinic or Government Hospital for assistance in teaching this topic. Department of Health often has very good posters and pamphlets

	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4		
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION	tal respon-	The learner must be able to: TB (tuberculosis)	available, which can easily be sourced.
	sibility	Malaria	Remember to use simple, visual ways of teaching this topic. Keep the information
	Local	Diarrhoea	concrete and as simple as possible, to ensure that the learner with a severe intellectual
	Environmental	Measles	disability is not scared or confused by the topic, and at the same time, is empowered
	health problems	Other local health problems	to be healthy and safe.
	and common	 Identify common diseases: 	
	diseases	Colds and Flu	
		Diabetes,	
		Epilepsy,	
		Asthma	
		Obesity,	
		Anorexia,	
		HIV & Aids	
		Know the basic symptoms of	
		the diseases	
		 Know how to prevent getting 	
		infected or sick	
		 Know where to go for treatment 	
Week 7	Social		In modern South Africa, many of the traditional gender related roles have become less
WEEK /		G	
	Responsibility	stereotyping, sexism and abuse	defined, as our Constitution does not allow discrimination based on gender. However,
		is	knowing about the gender related contributions to society within the local cultural
	Gender	• Understand different roles and	context, forms a good backdrop to looking at how our country has changed over the
	stereotyping,	contributions of the genders in	years, and how every citizen can contribute to society in their own special way.
	sexism and	different cultural contexts	Encourage learners to deal with this topic in a positive manner, and instil a sense of

		GRADE 4	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4	
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION	abuse	 The learner must be able to: Understand the effect of stereotyping, sexism and abuse on relationships Understand sexual harassment in the workplace Practice how to deal with gender related issues at school, 	 respect for all fellow human beings. Remember to keep Use stories or role play to show the learners what gender issues. Let the learners practice to speak with respect to (a the classroom and playground situation. Let the learners explore different gender roles at hor mom cooks food, but many men are chefs. Most gender context of the second structure o	t they need to understand about nd about) the opposite gender in me and in the workplace, e.g. my
		home and in the community, how to ask for help and where to report.	tends to the vegetable garden at home.	
Week 8	World of Work The Rules of the Workplace : Good attitudes to have at work	 Know how to be motivated at work Know how to act professionally at work Know how to be a good coworker Know how to be a hard worker Know to do a job correctly, fast and with good quality 	 professionally at work, and what is expected of a good co-worker. Let the learners complete a checklist and practice how to evaluate their performance during the day / week. Use very basic pictures to give estagories of required behaviour and use 	

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	GRADE 4 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4		
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION Ongoing during	World of Work	The learner must be able to:• Participate in simulation of	Give learners an opportunity to shadow workers or help workers at school.
term (year) to	Simulation of	Career related activities	 Where possible, arrange with local businesses to give learners an opportunity to visit
allow as many	Career related		them, or that learners can shadow specifically identified workers to see and feel what
learners as	activities		it is like at the workplace. When choosing likely jobs, bear in mind the individual
possible to			learner's preferences, ability and social skills, especially if it is an outside business.
benefit			Remember to follow the Department of Education rules for learner outings, transport
			forms and indemnities when arranging the outings.
			Request feedback from the person that the learner has shadowed, so that the learner
			can place the report in his scrapbook, as a reminder of the opportunity.
Week 9	World of Work	Know about banking:	 When teaching about banking, and using an ATM, it is a good idea for a class outing
	Banking, saving	• money can be cash, or be	to go to the local branch of the bank, and get the banker to show the learners the
	and using an	put in the bank.	bank, ATM, bank cards and how to draw money.
	АТМ	• You use a bank card to draw	• If you can not go on an outing, build an ATM in the class and assist the learners to
		money from the bank.	follow the procedure.
		You cannot take more money	• Make bank cards from paper that is laminated for the learners and teaches them to
		from the bank than what you	keep it safe.
		have in it.	
		Practice using a bank card	
		and ATM	
		 Know what saving and 	
		interest is	

SUGGESTED LIFE SKILLS ASSESSMENT GOALS Assessment is formally recorded during the term with a minimum of 1 formal and 4 practical reported on, excluding Physical Education and Creative Arts assessment goals. DEVELOPMENT OF SELF Me and my disability Second Year • Topics covered in first year First Year • Identify own disability(ies) using the correct term(s) • Talk about the impact the disability has on body function etc. Describe the disability · Build positive self-concept, with the disability as part of the personal makeup of an individual Receiving and giving feedback Second Year First Year • Identify what is feedback • Show appropriate ways of giving positive feedback Give and receive feedback to peers Show appropriate ways of giving negative feedback Show appropriate ways of receiving negative feedback Give and receive feedback from adults • • Identify what is positive and negative feedback Show appropriate ways of receiving positive feedback Asking for help and problem solving First Year Second Year Know when to ask for help • Topics covered in first year • Discuss problem solving: Know who to ask • Practice asking for help Identify the problem Think of solutions, or ask for help Do what you are advised • Try out a solution Check results Decide if the problem is solved Give thanks for the assistance If not - try another solution until problem is solved Never give up

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMETAL RESPONSIBILITY	
First Year	Second Year
Identify 4 dangers	Topics covered in first year
Show things that can cause falling, tripping and other injuries	Practice evacuation plans or reporting problems at school
Know safety rules for the above risks	
Local environmental health problems	
First Year	Second Year
Identify 7 common diseases	Topics covered in first year
Know the basic symptoms of the diseases	Identify 5 local environmental health problems
Know how to prevent getting infected or sick	Know the basic symptoms of the diseases
Know where to go for treatment	Know how to prevent getting infected or sick
	Know where to go for treatment
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	
Gender stereotyping, sexism and abuse	Second Year
First Year	Topics covered in first year
Know what gender stereotyping, sexism and abuse is	Understand sexual harassment in the workplace
Understand different roles and contributions of the genders in different	Show how to deal with gender related issues at school, home and in the
cultural contexts	community
Understand the effect of stereotyping, sexism and abuse on relationships	Show how to ask for help
	Know where to report problems

WORLD OF WORK	
Good attitudes to have at work	Second Year
First Year	Know and show how to be motivated at work
Know how to be motivated at work	Know and show how to act professionally at work
Know how to act professionally at work	 Know and show how to be a good co-worker
Know how to be a good co-worker	Know and show how to be a hard worker
Know how to be a hard worker	Know and show to do a job correctly, fast and with good quality
Know to do a job correctly, fast and with good quality	
Simulation of Career related activities	
First Year	Second Year
Understand score from supervisor	Score from Supervisor
Banking saving and using an ATM	
First Year	Second Year
Explain: Money can be cash, or be put in the bank.	Topics covered in first year
Use a bankcard to draw money from the bank.	Practice using a bank card and ATM
Understand not to draw more money from the bank than what you have in it	Know what saving and interest is

Learners will be in this grade for 3 years. The overall aim of the Life Skills topics is to prepare the learners for life after school. The skills that the learners will be exposed to and will be practicing, are aimed at getting them ready to enter the job market (pre-vocational skill building), and also to improve their "street savvy" to enable them to be better able to deal with the challenges that life as an adult pose. Some of the topics covered are challenging, but with patience, using real life stories and situations (role play), and by providing the learners with easy to remember rules or solutions, you will be giving the learners a recipe that will be valuable for the rest of their lives. It is a great benefit if the learners' parents also know the rules and solutions that you are teaching the learners. This will reinforce the messages taught at home and provide the learners with another place where they will feel secure to ask for help, and to report problems even when the safety of school is no longer available to them.

2.1.20 Grade 5 Term 1

GRADE 5			LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
Week 1	Development	• Identify what depression, grief,	• Revise feelings and emotions covered in earlier grades. (Both positive and negative
	of Self in	loss, trauma and crisis is	emotions)
	Society	• Know what causes depression,	• Tell stories or use role-play as a way to practice identifying and dealing with these
	Positive Self	grief, loss, trauma and crisis	more complex feelings and emotions.
	Concept	Know good ways to cope with	• Practice positive coping mechanisms, such as talking about these situations with a
	Formation	the feelings of depression, grief,	friend or trusted adult, using exercise, creative art, dance, etc to vent or distract the
	Challenging	loss.	mind. Discuss with learners the risks of bad coping strategies.
	situations:	• Know good ways to deal with	• Know that it is OK to feel sad, mad, bad etc, but that you must identify the feelings
	depression,	trauma and crisis situations	and work through them to achieve healing.
	grief, loss,	Know what are bad coping	• Give learners guides to understand their feelings of grief or depression, but make it
	trauma, crisis	strategies (e.g. Alcohol and	visual and practical. Link to real life experiences.
	and my disability	drugs)	• Discuss with the learners their experiences of being "different" or "disabled". (Often
		• Practice problem solving skills	learners are called ugly names and discriminated against in the community, and they
		to deal with these situations	will need to be shown ways to deal with the situations.) Let the learners share their
		Discuss own feelings about	feelings in a safe space, and role play how to ask for help, or to walk away with their

		GRADE 5	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
		being disabled.	dignity intact.
		• Discuss good coping strategies	• Teach the learners the proper names for their disability (disabilities), and practice
		for dealing with the impact of	how to explain the disability in a clear and non-judgmental way.
		being disabled.	• Part of the learners' positive self-concept building must be that their disability is a part
			of their being, not the total sum of their being. They must learn to be themselves, not
			their disability.
Week 2	Development	Identify different relationships at	• The teacher can introduce this topic by letting the learners reflect / tell about / role
	of Self in	home, school, work and in the	play the different roles they play at different ages / places, and the different people
	Society	community	they interact with at these ages: for example a baby is totally dependent on its
	Relationships	• Know the difference between	mother, a small child can go to crèche (day-care) and play with friends, but needs the
	and Friendships	friendship and formal	"Aunty" to look after them then they go to school, and the teacher tells you to sit
		relationships (e.g. with a	down and be quiet, the shopkeeper who sells them sweets, but shouts of they try to
		Teacher, Pastor or a Boss)	take something. Build this out to other roles they can imagine, such as working for a
		• Practice appropriate ways to	boss, being the Boss etc.
		initiate a friendship	• Practice how to introduce yourself to a stranger, how to ask for help, how to start a
		• Practice appropriate ways to	conversation, how to hold a conversation.
		sustain a friendship	• Practice how to be assertive, how to give a compliment and give criticism, how to
		• Practice appropriate behaviour	apologise, and how to give instructions.
		in a formal relationship	Practice different greetings and social interactions in various settings – for example, I
		Practice communication skills in	see my friend at the taxi rank, vs. I see my teacher at the taxi rank. I see my Granny
		relationships - ability to	at the shop vs. I see my boss at the shop.
		disagree in constructive ways	• Use real settings to practice these skills, e.g. a visit to the Principal's office, and
		and appropriate ways to end a	going on an outing to a local venue where the learners are exposed to these various
		relationship	settings creates great opportunities to practice these skills.
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			5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1	
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DORAHON		Understanding your sexuality:	• Creating situational plays are also a way to let the learners see, hear and feel how	
		The learner is able to talk about	these interactions work.	
		personal feelings that impact on	• To introduce the concept of sexuality and the changing roles the learners play in their	
		sexuality, the influence of	communities, let the learners split into gender specific groups and list (and present)	
		friends and peers on my	the expectations set on them as boys or girls. This can be graded to be within the	
		sexuality, family and community	learners' cognitive ability, from very concrete themes such as different clothes and	
		norms that impact on sexuality,	colours boys and girls like, to more abstract themes; such as girls will be expected to	
		cultural values that impact on	have babies and be home makers and boys will be expected to be the providers. Use	
		sexuality, social pressures	collages, posters, drawings or other media to illustrate this. The teacher can use	
	Sexuality	including media that impact on	these themes as the starting point to unpack the theme and assist the learners to	
		sexuality,	reflect on their sexuality, and that in our modern society, these roles are no longer so	
		Talk about identity formation	set - some of the best hairdressers or cooks are men and best taxi drivers or	
		and development	mechanics are women.	
		• Discuss how to have healthy	• Create a safe space where the learners can build their gender identity and explore	
		boyfriend / girlfriend	various roles in situations that are traditionally allocated to the other gender, e.g.	
		relationships.	boys to be exposed to the child care skills class, or girls to be exposed to the	
			woodwork or spray-painting class. Use these experiences to build on the scrap book	
			that they started in Grade 4.	
			• Teach the learners about having appropriate, healthy boyfriend / girlfriend	
			relationships, and practice dealing with these interactions. Teach learners about	
			boundaries and respect for other people.	
Week 3 (with	Health, Social	Revise Wants and Needs	• Using the current amount set for minimum wage by the Department of Labour or the	
other	and	Practice basic budgeting	amount paid on a disability grant, assist the learners to draw up a budget for a	
opportunities for	Environmental	Understand and explain saving	month, a week etc.	

		GRADE 5	5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1	
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION Market days)	Responsibility	The learner must be able to: • Learn about running a small	 Identify risky financial behaviour to the learners by telling stories, doing role play or 	
Market days)		C C		
	How to do your	business from home, and the	asking them to bring stories from home. E.g. using your wage to go and buy KFC for	
	own budget:	financial aspects surrounding	all your friends, but being hungry at the end of the week, and not having friends who	
	Income and	entrepreneurship	can help.	
	expenditure:	Shopping with a budget and	• In discussing entrepreneurship, keep the concepts very concrete, for example - as	
		shopping list	part of your budget, you need to keep money for basic materials needed to	
		• The learner must be able to:	manufacture / deliver the service. Set up a regular market day at school where	
		Make a shopping list	learners can sell items or deliver services to each other in exchange for tokens they	
		 Work out total cost 	have earned for good behaviour. These tokens can then be used to "purchase" the	
		Role play going to the shops or	supplies needed for the next market day, and create a real profit/loss experience.	
		go on an outing to the shop to	When doing a role play of a shop, make it realistic by having real temptations to good	
		buy specific items.	financial discipline available, for example the learner can be spending money on	
			treats rather than the items listed.	
Week 4	Health, Social	 Make informed, responsible 	Teachers Note: This is an essential topic to teach the learners with a severe intellectual	
	and	decisions about health: HIV and	disability, as they are even more at risk than their neurotypical peers. When teaching	
	Environmental	AIDS as well as other	this, keep the lessons concrete, and devise clear, unambiguous rules that the learners	
	Responsibility	communicable diseases.	can recall using songs, rhymes or pictures. Remember that they will be going home,	
	Decision Making	Know about disease	where their peers are also talking about and exploring these issues, but their peers may	
	about Health	management with medication,	have better insight and ability to make informed choices.	
	and Safety:	diet, healthy living and positive	Revise the diseases, causes and prevention of diseases taught in earlier grades.	
	Health:	attitude	• Use the ABC rule to teach prevention of HIV/AIDS - Abstain, Be Faithful, and	
		Know prevention and safety	Condomise.	
		relating to HIV and AIDS	• Teach about body fluids carrying many diseases, including HIV and AIDS - wash	
		• Know about caring for people	hands, do not touch blood, cover your mouth with the inside part of your elbow when	
		living with HIV and AIDS or	you cough, don't spit, don't urinate in public places, etc.	

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		GRADE 5	5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to: other diseases.	 Teach about taking medicine in the way the doctor told you, and in no other way. Do
		Sexual behaviour and sexual	not sell your medicine or give it to someone else.
		health:	 Teach about caring for ill people – they need to be cared for with dignity and respect.
		 Identify risk factors leading to 	 In teaching the risks related to sexual behaviour or sexual abuse, teach the PANTS
		unhealthy sexual behaviour	
		-	rule: If it is covered by underwear, it is private – see
		Know about unwanted results	the meaning of the acronym in the picture. In this way
		of unhealthy sexual behaviour:	there is a clear message the learner has to measure when be/she needs to think about their sexual
		teenage pregnancy, sexually	when he/she needs to think about their sexual
		transmitted infections (STIs),	when he/she needs to think about their sexual behaviour. (The PANTS rule was designed by the Netional Society for the Drevention of Cruelty to
		HIV and AIDS, low self-image	National Society for the Prevention of Crueity to
		and emotional scars.	Children, London, UK, and has been used with great
		• Discuss strategies to deal with	success to teach children with autism.)
		unhealthy sexual behaviour:	With learners who are sexually active, or are in relationships, be supportive, as our learners will feel
		abstinence and change of	relationships, be supportive, as our learners will feel
		behaviour	all the feelings that a young, healthy, sexually
		• Know where to find help and	developing teen will feel, but keep the message clear, that engaging in sexual
		support: community structures	behaviour carries many risks, and they are not ready to be parents.
		that offer protection or	• Ensure that the support services available in terms of family planning and primary
		resilience against high risk	health care are utilised by the learners and their parents.
		behaviour	• Learn and practice what appropriate behaviour is in public and in private situations,
		• Know the adverse	e.g. masturbation, being in a relationship etc.
		consequences and implications	• Teach the learners not to use sex as a bargaining tool to get gifts or favours and the
		of teenage pregnancy for	effect that this would have on your self image.
		teenage parent(s) and the	• To teach awareness of physical hazards, take the learners on a tour of the school,
		children born to teenagers	and let them identify possible danger areas, e.g. the swimming pool, extension cords

GRADE 5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to: • Safety:	lying loose, broken windows, broken fences, exposed steps, heat sources used for
		The learner must be able to:	cooking, pots on the stove etc. Let the learners suggest ways to solve the problems,
			and practice reporting the hazards to the responsible person. Teach them to follow
		• Identify physical hazards in the	
		area and practice how to report	up if they do not see the hazards repaired.
		or fix hazards.	Teach learners how to use electricity and electrical equipment safely.
		Know how to use electricity	• Show learners how to switch off the main electricity supply and teach them when to
		safely	do it.
Week 5	Health, Social	• List factors that may lead to	• Make learners aware of the factors that may lead to substance abuse in a very
	and	substance abuse, such as peer	concrete way – plays, songs or stories.
	Environmental	pressure, community and	Practice saying NO to drugs.
	Responsibility	media	 Have the local help line or centre's number easily available.
	Social Factors	• Know appropriate behaviour to	Invite local peer councillors to speak to the learners. (It helps if the peer councillors
	that contribute	stop and avoid substance	are briefed beforehand on the ability of the learners to understand the message, and
	to substance	abuse: refusal and decision-	have interacted on an individual basis with one of the learners beforehand.)
	abuse	making skills.	,
		Know the long and short term	
		consequences of substance	
		abuse: link to crime, violence	
		and educational outcomes	
		Know about rehabilitation	
		options: where to find help, care	
		and support	
Week 6	Social	• Understand diverse cultures:	Revise the known and familiar life events as done in Grade 4
	responsibility	recognise diverse cultures that	• Include similar events from other cultural groups, and dress up in clothes from other

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APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION	Constitutional	The learner must be able to: enrich South African society	cultures, and learn songs and dances from these cultures. Where possible, let the	
	rights and	• Respect differences: culture,	learners taste samples of food from other cultures.	
	Responsibility	religion and gender	• Practice social interactions and greetings within known and new cultures, e.g. using	
	(Democracy	• Celebrate unity in diversity:	"As-Salaam-Alaikum" as a greeting between Muslim friends and "Shalom" for Jewish	
	and Human	respect difference and	friends.	
	Rights)	celebrate similarity	• Participate and where possible assist with arranging celebrations of national and	
	Diversity: Life		international days: Human Rights Day, Freedom Day, Heritage Day, Reconciliation	
	events and		Day, Youth Day, Worker's Day, Women's Day, Africa Day, Nelson Mandela Day,	
	social		World Refugee's Day and national health days.	
	interactions		• By learning about the various cultures, instil a sense of respect for other people's	
			traditions and ways.	
Week 7	Social	Understand and reflect in own	This concept is quite abstract, but the learner with a severe intellectual disability will	
	responsibility	words what the Constitution is	participate in elections, they will reap social benefits that come from being a South	
	Democracy and	Understand democracy	African Citizen, and therefore they need to have a basic understanding about these	
	Citizenship	• Understand what it means to be	concepts.	
		a South African Citizen	• Keep the lessons simple and easy to understand, e.g. that Constitution is the biggest	
			law in South Africa, and this law makes sure that all other laws are also in line with	
			this law. The same as school rules – there has to be order for the school to work.	
			Stage an election, with political parties represented, voting stations, electoral officers	
			and ballot papers. Each person's role must be clearly defined, so that the concept of	
			a democracy is understood. If the election is linked to making a decision about an	
			event at school, e.g. the food to be served at a class party, the effect of democracy	
			can be clearly illustrated.	
			Inform the learners that the Disability Rights Charter of South Africa reflects demands	

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APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
			from disabled people. The aim is to promote equal opportunities for all disabled
			people. It is a document which asserts the right of all disabled people to live
			independently in a safe environment and in a society free from all forms of
			discrimination, exploitation and abuse.
			Know that if you are a citizen of South Africa you have the right to:
			o vote
			 stand as a candidate in elections
			 live in any area in South Africa
			 choose your trade, occupation or profession
			\circ $$ be given a South African passport for travel to other countries
			\circ come into South Africa even if you have lived somewhere else for a long time and
			that you can,
			 claim social benefits, such as a care dependency grant or disability grant.
Week 8	World of work	Discuss the rules at work	Go into more depth into the reasons behind the rules and consequences of not
	Workplace	Understand disciplinary	following the rules at work, for example, use stories of bad workers to illustrate the
	Rules and	processes	reasons for the rules. (The worker who is so busy selling Tupperware to co-workers,
	Processes	Understand grievance	that her work falls behind, or the domestic helper who entertains her whole family at
		processes	her boss' house, while dressed in her boss' pretty clothes)
		Understand leave rules	• Look at learners' personal experiences at workplaces (in Grade 4), where they
		• Know about Unions and their	struggled, and assist them to make plans or visual cues to ensure that they do not
		function in the workplace.	break rules by forgetting some basics.

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APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION		The learner must be able to:	
			 Use the difference between school and the workplace as a frame of reference when discussing disciplinary processes, grievance processes, leave and the role of Unions. Learners do not have to be able to say the steps to take, it is more important that they know and understand that the way things work at the workplace is different than that at school. Practice to ask for help when they do not understand. Teach the learners to identify themselves to the Union Representative at the workplace, as this person should be a trustworthy person to ask for help if things are hard at work.
Week 9	World of work	Ask for help and problem solve	Teacher's Note: Learners with a severe intellectual disability are often impulsive decision
	Decision Making	(revise)	makers and they have limited insight into consequences of abstract actions and
	Decision making	Practice decision making	decisions. By teaching them simplified methods to problem solve, and by practicing how
			and when to ask for help, you are empowering the learner to be more independent in
		Identify the situation / decision ta ha made	life. At the same time, you are also exposing them to situations where there may be
		to be made	more risk involved, and where they will have to learn to deal with mistakes and failure. In
		Identify options available	earlier grades and term work, the learner would have been practicing to deal with
		Choose an option (Where	emotions, so during this work, give the learners graded opportunities to make decisions,
		possible – after considering	
		possible outcomes)	and expect them to deal with the consequences of wrong decisions, while they are

	GRADE 5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 1			
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
		Act on the option chosen	evaluating what happened and finding	
		• Evaluate the outcome (did I	better options.	
		make the right decision?)	Explain and use the flow diagram to	
		• Start the process again for the	enable the learners to make decisions	
		new situation	that will affect their daily life and activity evaluate option	
			participation. Use routine decisions that	
			are made e.g. must I go to the toilet	
			now, or can I wait until after sport	
			period?	
			Unpack this to fully illustrate act choose	
			consequences of all the choices, and	
			potential outcomes / consequences of the decision made.	
			• Tailor the level of decisions to be made to the learners' ability to make them.	
			Remember to teach that asking for help to make the decision is also an option.	

SUGGESTED LIFE SKILLS ASSESSMENT GOALS

Assessment is formally recorded during the term with a minimum of 1 formal and 4 practical reported on, excluding Physical Education and Creative Arts assessment goals

DEVELOPMENT OF SELF		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Identify what depression, grief, loss, trauma and	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
crisis is	Know good ways to deal with trauma and crisis	Discuss own feelings about being disabled.
Know what causes depression, grief, loss, trauma	situations	Discuss good coping strategies for dealing with
and crisis	Know what are bad coping strategies Practice	the impact of being disabled.
 Know good ways to cope with the feelings of 	problem solving skills to deal with these situations	
depression, grief, loss.		
Sexuality, Relationships and Friendships		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Identify different relationships at home, school,	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
work and in the community	Talk about personal feelings that impact on	List issues that impact on sexuality.
Know the difference between friendship and	sexuality,	• Discuss how to have healthy boyfriend / girlfriend
formal relationships	Talk about identity formation and development	relationships.
Show appropriate ways to initiate a friendship		Show appropriate behaviour in a formal
Show appropriate ways to sustain a friendship		relationship
		Show communication skills in relationships:
		 - ability to disagree in constructive ways
		 appropriate ways to end a relationship

HEALTH, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY How to do your own budget & shopping with a shopping list First Year • Show how to do basic budgeting	Second Year Topics covered in first year 	Third YearTopics covered in first and second year
Identify wants and needs	Make a shopping list	Explain about running a small business from
Explain saving	Work out total costSelect specific items based on a shopping list	home, and the financial aspects surrounding entrepreneurship
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
List how to prevent HIV and AIDS	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
List ways to prevent getting communicable diseases	Show how to report hazards in the schoolTell what unhealthy sexual behaviour is	 Describe how to care for people living with HIV and AIDS or other diseases.
 Know what to do if you are sick Know how to use electricity safely 	 Know 5 unwanted results of unhealthy sexual behaviour 	 Name and show strategies to deal with unhealthy sexual behaviour
 Identify safety hazards in the school 	 Tell where to find help and support Describe the consequences of teenage pregnancy 	 Show how to report or fix hazards in the local area
First Year	Topics covered in first year	Know about rehabilitation options
Describe substance abuse	Know the long and short term consequences of	Third Year
List 3 factors that may lead to substance abuse	substance abuse	Topics covered in first and second year
Second Year	 Know appropriate behaviour to stop and avoid substance abuse 	

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
List different cultures in the local community	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
• Tell how to respect differences in culture, religion	Celebrate unity in diversity	Greet a person in a known and a new culture
and gender	- respect differences	
	- celebrate similarity	
	- participate in an event	
First Year	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
Tell in own words what the Constitution is	List 3 rights of a disabled citizen	• Tell what it means to be a South African Citizen
Describe democracy	Third Year	List rights of a South African Citizen
Second Year		
WORLD OF WORK		
Knowledge Of The World Of Work/Rules To		
Follow At Work		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
List the work rules taught in Grade 4	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
Discuss the purpose of rules at work	Discuss the grievance processes	Describe Unions and their function in the
Discuss the disciplinary steps at work	Discuss leave rules	workplace.
Decision making process		
Decision making process First Year	Second Year	Third Year
	Second Year Topics covered in first year 	Third YearTopics covered in first and second year
First Year		

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			LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2
APPROXIMAT	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
E DURATION Week 1.	Development	The learner must be able to:Ask for help, do problem solving	It is important that learners are taught to think beyond today and what happens
	of Self in	and make decisions	today. Goal setting is a way to encourage learners to keep focussed on what they are
	Society		trying to achieve in their school career. At this stage they have been exposed to
	Goal Setting	Relate why I must set goals	
	Goal Setting	• Set SMART goals: practice to	several types of skills, and they need to start thinking about where to now and after
		set goals that are	school.
		Specific	• Assist the learners to go through their scrap books and identify with them possible
		Measurable	goals they can set. Initially keep the goals very concrete, and achievable in a short
		Realistic	time, e.g. complete the task set in skills period. As they achieve set goals, assist the
		Time Bound	learner to build on the goals to eventually think about their plans for after school.
		Know how to reward self for	Assist the learners to make collages or some record of the goals they set to act as a
		successes along the way and	reminder, and plan how they will be rewarding themselves for goals achieved. Do not
		for goals achieved	make food based rewards a habit, rather allow learners to choose a fun activity or
			use free time (pamper time) as a reward.
Week 2	Development	Explore my abilities and	Teacher Note: Learners with a severe intellectual disability's career choices are more
	of Self in	preferences	limited than neurotypical person's choices. They will need your loving support to move
	Society	Explore options available to me	away from unrealistic dreams of becoming doctors and lawyers to more realistic options.
	Future Options	• Explore entrepreneurship from	Use their scrap books to identify what they like doing and can do well, and with their own
		home	preferences as a guide, look at available options. Learners will need support from you,
		Explore helping at home	as their teacher and from their parents to be actively employed. One of the roles that is
		• Explore volunteering in the	added to that of being a LSEN teacher is that you may need to equip yourself to be a job
		community where I live	coach for these learners. A good resource is "Attainment's Job Coaching Strategies" by
			Steve Tenpas. (ISBN 1-57861-160-1). Even though this is based in an American setup,

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APPROXIMAT	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
E DURATION		 The learner must be able to: Know other ways of generating 	the process and forms used are easily adapted for a South African user. You need to
		an income – bartering, services	know your learners, their families, their communities and be alert to finding the
		in exchange for food, piece	opportunities that may exist to assist your learners to build a career. Work with the
		jobs, etc.	parents and communities to create opportunities for your learners, and keep on
		Jobs, etc.	supporting them by reminding them of the lessons taught in school. Think outside of the
			box about job opportunities: growing seedlings and selling them to the co-opt who are
			growing vegetables in a community garden, doing laundry in small daily batches for a
			neighbour in exchange for food, or growing edible herbs in small pots, decorating the
			pots and selling them at a flea market or home industry shop are all ways our learners
			can, with support from parents or others, be able to participate in generating an income,
			or contribute to their families and communities. Never let the learners believe that they
			are worthless and unable to contribute, as this is the message they will often hear.
			Rather assist them to be as independent as possible, and with some help or support,
			contribute to their family or community.
			Let the learners identify some choices that are available to them, and encourage them to
			think about this issue more. In the beginning of term 3, this topic will be addressed
			again, and the learners can then provide feedback on their plans or discussion with
			parents or in the community.
Week 3	Health Social	Know when and how to ask for	Teacher Note: When you are teaching this topic, bear in mind that accidents happen,
	Responsibility	help with an injury, and who to	and our learners may just be the person injured, or the only person around when an
	First Aid	ask (At school and at home)	accident happens. It is a good idea for LSEN teachers to gain quality first aid knowledge
		• Know the difference between a	and going for level 1 first aid and CPR training is highly recommended.
		small injury and a big injury,	• Ensure that each learner practices how to call / ask for help. Learners should be able
		and what to do for each.	to respond to the emergency operator's questions, where possible, and must practice
			how to give directions to their homes / or give a contact number for the operator to

			LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2
APPROXIMAT	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
E DURATION		 The learner must be able to: Dial the emergency numbers and report a problem clearly, or for non-verbal learners, have a plan to report an emergency. Know how to react to or assist a person who is having an epileptic attack, asthma attack, or other conditions that may happen at your LSEN school 	 call. Teach learners the difference between a small (minor) injury and a (big) severe injury, and that they must urgently get help for serious injuries e.g. a scald vs. a burn, a graze vs a fracture or a or a bruise vs a deep cut. Learners must be taught how to react both at school and at home, and need to know who to call. For non-verbal learners it is suggested that they have a specific contact person, who knows the learner's specific action / picture/ sound they use to indicate that there is an emergency. Practice making emergency calls – speak to the local emergency service personnel about what to say and do when calling for help.
		(e.g. learner with autism having a meltdown)	 (Dialling 911 is American – South Africa use 10111 from a landline and 112 from a cell phone). You will be asked to describe the situation, where you are and what you are doing to help. Teach learners to wear their medic-alert bracelets, and teach them to take their own prescribed medicines responsibly, as prescribed.
Week of 22	Health Social	Talk about Earth Day:	Teachers Note: 22 April was proclaimed by the United Nations as Earth Day. On this
April (Note – swop this week to fit in with the calendar, so that the work is	Responsibility	 preservation of the environment: Honour Earth Day: list practical ways of being kinder to Earth 	 day the world reflects on ways to peacefully preserve the earth. You can use this event in your class to launch a school based drive to create awareness of environmental responsibility, recycling, not polluting and preserving nature. Use the week of 22 April to have an Earth Day awareness week Learners can: Plant a tree.
done during the			 Practice to turn off the water while you brush your teeth.
week of 22			 Use cloth napkins.
April.)			 Show how to re-use glass and plastic containers.

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APPROXIMAT	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
E DURATION		The learner must be able to:	 Use fabric grocery bags.
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			Recycle paper products.
			 Wash only full loads of laundry.
			 Turn off lights when they leave the room.
			 Use energy efficient light bulbs
			 Volunteer to clean up an area in their community.
			 Learn to take a quick shower instead of a bath.
			 Make notepads out of used paper.
			 Buy items made of recycled materials.
			 Say what pollution is, and what the consequences of pollution are
			 Learn how to dispose of waste safely and correctly
			• Teach the learners that their behaviour in looking after their environment will save the
			earth, but it will also lead to a happier and healthier environment for us all to love in.
Week 5	Health Social	Identify general household	• Use the real items in class, and use real objects to show both the right and wrong
	Responsibility	items that can be harmful, e.g.	ways to use and store the chemicals. Show the learners how you pour a dangerous
	Safety at home	cleaning chemicals like Jik /	chemical into an empty coke bottle. Now ask the learners if they will still drink this; is
		Handy Andy	this good to drink? - use this scenario to teach not to drink or eat things they cannot
		 Know how to store them safely 	identify.
		 Know not to eat or drink things 	 Use line drawings, pictures and symbols to remind the learners of the safe ways to
		that are not food	use and store these generally available chemicals.
		 Know how to store medication 	
		safely	
		Fire safety	

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APPROXIMAT	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
E DURATION		 The learner must be able to: Revise "Learn not to Burn" 	
		 Practice the fire drill at school, 	
		and let the learners devise	
		escape plans to use at home.	
Week 6	Social	List basic human rights as	• Revise Human Rights as taught in Grade 4 term 2. Remember that this is a complex
	Responsibility	stipulated in the South African	topic, and as the teacher, you need to make the concepts understandable at the
	Human Rights	Constitution	learner in your class' level. Use real life situations, or stories that they can relate to
		Understand that all South	when discussing the topic.
		Africans have the same rights.	• What are human rights? Human rights are the basic rights that everyone has, simply
		• Understand that with rights	because they are human.
		come responsibilities	• What are human rights violations? If someone ignores or abuses your rights, it is
		• Understand what human rights	called a violation of those rights. For example, if someone treats a person differently
		violations are	because of his or her race, that person's right to equality is being abused or violated.
		 Identify 5 types of violations 	• Discuss the broad outlines of all the human rights, and look at the responsibilities that
		Know what I can do when	go with the 5 most relevant human rights. (Teacher's Note: Constitutionally, persons
		experiencing violations of	with disabilities have the right to choose whether they disclose their disability to a
		human rights	potential employer or not – right to confidentiality of personal information. However, if
		Dealing with unfairness and	they choose not to disclose their disability, they waive their right to insist on
		bullying	reasonable accommodations to their disability being made in the employment
		Gender equity	process to allow them a fair and equal chance to gain employment).
		 Know what gender equity is 	 Let the learners talk about their experiences of human right violations, and based on
		Know what gender-based	that, lead the discussion to how to address those violations. The discussion can be
		5	based around things experienced in school, such as unfairness and bullying. Give
		violence is	realistic and practical advice on how to deal with these experiences. Revise and
		Know sources of help for	realistic and practical advice on now to deal with these experiences. Revise and

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APPROXIMAT	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
E DURATION		CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to: victims: safety for girls and women	 CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE practice dealing with emotions, revise asking for help, revise problem solving in relation to this topic. What is gender equity? Gender equity is the process of being fair to women and men. Gender equality means that women and men are given the same socially-valued goods, opportunities, resources and rewards. (Remember that the definitions are complex, and will have to be broken down into understandable and relatable concepts. Use stories, real life examples and things that you have noticed the learners do at school as your examples). When discussing gender based violence, teach the learners to report any violent act
			to a trusted adult. Show them what good, positive, healthy relationships look and feel like, so that they can know when they are in unhealthy situations.
Week 7	Social Responsibility Social Benefits and Responsibility	 Know about and know the advantages of: UIF Tax Social Grants Medical Aid Pension WCA / Injury on Duty Trade Unions 	 As a potential worker and as a South African Citizen, learners need to be aware that there are certain payments that they will be making and that there are certain benefits that they will be able to access once they leave school and start working. The learner needs to understand the basics, and how to access the benefits. If they can be aware of these, they will be able to ask for help, and be better able to benefit from them. Keep the information basic and clear. UIF – All workers and bosses must contribute, and you can claim if you lose your job or go on maternity leave. You apply at the Department of Labour Tax – Everybody pays tax, and every worker must have their own South African Revenue Services number. Apply at the South African Revenue Services office. There are different types of tax, including VAT that is added to things you buy at the store and Pay As You Earn that is taken from your wages.

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APPROXIMAT E DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
			• Social Grants – Adults with a disability (>18 years old) can get a disability grant, and
			you only lose it if you earn a wage that is more than 3 times higher than the grant
			amount. Apply at the local SASSA office. Other grants are care dependency grants,
			foster care grants, old age grants, child support grants
			• Medical Aid – you pay towards the medical aid, and can then use a private hospital.
			Some employers help you to pay for medical aid. If you do not have medical aid, you
			can go to the local clinic or government hospital when you are ill or injured.
			 Pension – this is saving a part of your salary for the day you retire.
			• WCA / Injury on Duty – if you get hurt at work, and you have been following the boss'
			instructions, then your medical bills must be paid by the boss / WCA. If you have not
			been wearing your PPE, or if you have been playing around, and you get injured,
			then the boss does not have to take care of the bill.
			• Trade Unions - are there to help workers in managing their relationship with the
			boss. If you get a job, find the shop steward – this can be your trusted adult at work,
			if your Boss can not help.
Week 8	World of work	• Can fill in a form with basic	Introduce the learners to filling in forms by asking them to fill in a basic form that you
	Documentation	personal information.	have drawn up that requires them to fill in proper names and surnames, date of birth,
	Required	• Know what documentation is	ID, home address, postal address and contact telephone numbers. Grade this to
		needed as an adult:	practicing filling in real forms, e.g. Z83 (application for a government job), application
		o ID,	for a bank account or store credit (application forms are easily available from your
		 Bank account, 	local banks, stores or online), a form BI-9 (Application for ID book) etc. The learners
		 Disability grant, 	who can memorise the relevant information can be encouraged to do so, but what
		 SARS registration 	works well, is to make a "business card" for each learner that they can carry with
		 UIF registration 	them and they can practice to copy information from there, or they can practice to

			5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2
	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
E DURATION		The learner must be able to: Draw up a CV	ask for help in filling in forms.
			• Teach the learners to ask for help from a trusted adult to explain what forms they are
			filling in. They must know the importance of not signing any document that they do
l			not understand, especially for credit – contracts are binding.
			Learners must know why they need to have an ID, Bank Account etc. Teach them
			how to look after these documents, how to keep them safe and not to disclose their
			PIN's to anyone.
			 Assist the learners to draw up a Curriculum Vitae, and to use their scrap books and
			records of work exposure as a baseline. Remember that a Curriculum Vitae needs to
			be a clean and concise presentation of the learners' real skills, and can not contain
l			any untruths. Let the learner make the choice of disclosing their disability or not on
			their Curriculum Vitae.
			• For the purposes of the classroom work, knowing about the documents and
			practicing how to fill in required forms is sufficient, but the following information is
			supplied to assist teachers where possible to empower the learners to get the
			required documentation.
l			Assist the learners where possible to apply for their ID documents once they have
l			turned 16. Your local Department of Home Affairs can assist, they are able to come
			to schools on a specific day to assist learners to get their ID documents
l			• In Grade 4 Term 4 the learners were introduced to banking. Getting a bank account
			has cost and security implications, but most employers are not able to pay workers
l			cash, so once the learners have their ID documents, it is recommended that they are
l			given the opportunity to get their own bank accounts, with their parents' knowledge
l			and consent. Banks have cheaper options for students, and some banks are able to

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APPROXIMAT E DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
			 come to a school to open accounts for learners on site. Learners need to be aware that they may be asked for a SARS reference if they get a job – teach the learners what this is and how to apply – at the SARS office. Once a learner with a disability turns 18, and has an ID book, they can apply for a disability grant at the local SASSA office. Empower the learners and their parents to apply, and not to assume that once a care dependency grant has been stopped, or declined due to the means test, that the learner cannot get a disability grant.
			 It is the boss' duty to register with UIF and WCA. The employee's ID number is sent by the boss to the Department of Labour, and if there is a potential claim, the employee can go to his union or the Department of Labour to get assistance with lodging a claim.
Week 9	World of work Safety Signs and PPE	 Know about, identify and respond correctly to Safety Signs Know about, care for and practice to use PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). 	 The learner must be able to identify the colour codes and shapes used most often for safety signs: Warnings (Yellow triangles), Do Not's (Red Circle with diagonal line through), Instructions (Blue Circle), Information (Green) or Fire awareness (Red). Blue Obey Obey Obey Obey Obey Obey Obey Obe

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APPROXIMAT E DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
DURATION			
			 Identify and react correctly to the basic signs
			 Danger!
			• Be Aware!
			 Fire Extinguisher, Fire Alarm
			 Stop, No Entry
			o No Smoking, No drinking water, No entry, No walking, No Cell Phones, No
			pedestrians, No naked flames
			o Danger Electricity, Danger Poison, Danger Explosion, Danger Fire Hazard,
			Danger Slipping Hazard (Yellow wet floor signs), Danger Radiation / Biochemical,
			Danger Forklifts
			 Wear Gloves, Wear Goggles, Wear Hard hat, Wear Safety Boots, Wear hearing protection, Put rubbish in bin, Drinking water
			 Nurse / First Aid, Exit to left, Exit to right, Directional arrows to exits, Mens and
			Ladies toilets, Assembly point, Pull, Push
			 General information signs: Escalator up, escalator down, Exit, Directional signs
			for toilet, i (Information)
			$_{\odot}$ Add other signs that are used at school as well as the local businesses,
			community or areas where learners will need to be aware of them, and react
			correctly to them.
			Teach learners that Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) – is the uniform and safety
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		GRADE 5	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2
APPROXIMAT E DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
E DORATION			items that you wear to protect you when doing a job.
			The learners must know about professional appearance – be clean on your body and
			hands, wear clean clothes to go to work. Wear suitable clothing for the job you are
			going to do.
			 Teach the learners to identify, care for and correctly use basic PPE items required in
			their chosen field as well as general PPE being used, e.g.
			 Hard Hat, Gloves, Boots, Overalls
			 Hearing and vision protection (Different types)
			 Reflective strips
			 Breathing protection
			o Harnesses
			 Hairnets and aprons
			 Strapping and harnesses
			 Etc – as required in their chosen field / or as used in the local community.
			Teach the learners the rules for PPE
			 The Boss gives you one set of PPE
			 You must wear it every day at work
			 You must keep it clean
			○ You must mend it
			 If it is lost – you must replace it at your own cost
			\circ PPE belongs to the Boss – you do not lend it to friends or change it (e.g. – make
			a Makaraba for soccer)
			• Look at the appropriate dress and PPE for various jobs, e.g. painter, office worker,
			cook etc.

	GRADE 5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 2			
APPROXIMAT	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
E DURATION		The learner must be able to:		
			• The learner must know that if PPE is not worn correctly and at all times, and safety	
			rules & signs are not obeyed and you get hurt - it is your fault and the Boss does not	
			have to help you to get medical treatment.	

SUGGESTED LIFE SKILLS ASSESSMENT GOALS					
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assessment goals					
DEVELOPMENT OF SELF	Second Year	Third Year			
Goal Setting Skills	Topics covered in first year	 Topics covered in first and second year 			
First Year	Set SMART goals for basic routine tasks	Set SMART goals for more complex tasks that			
Discuss		needs to be broken down in steps			
- problem solving		Explain how to reward			
- decision making		- successes along the way			
- asking for help		- goals achieved			
Tell why I must set goals					
Know SMART goals					
Career Choices and Opportunities	Second Year	Third Year			
First Year	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year			
Identify personal abilities and preferences	Explain entrepreneurship from home	Volunteer in the community			
List career options available	Help at home	Discuss other ways of generating an income			

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL	Second Year	Third Year
RESPONSIBILITY	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
Basic First Aid	Dial the emergency numbers and report a	Compare what to do for a small injury and a big
First Year	problem clearly. (For non-verbal learners: have a	injury
 Know when and how to ask for help 	plan to report an emergency.)	Compare different responses to different
Know who to ask for help both at school and at	• Know what to do for a small injury and a big injury	emergencies
home	Know how to react to or assist a person who is	
Know the difference between a small injury and a	having an:	
big injury	- epileptic attack,	×
Know to wear medic-alert bracelets and take	- asthma attack,	
medication as prescribed	- other attack (as per specific school)	
Environmental Health Issues	Second Year	Third Year
First Year	List 8 practical ways of being kinder to Earth	List 14 practical ways of being kinder to Earth
List 5 practical ways of being kinder to Earth	 Identify ways to stop pollution 	Describe pollution
Describe pollution	• Volunteer to clean up an area in the community.	List ways to dispose of waste responsibly
List ways to dispose of waste responsibly		Identify ways to stop pollution
Make items from recycled materials.		Participate in a class recycling project
Safety in and around the house	Second Year	Third Year
First Year	Discuss "Learn not to Burn"	Explain how to store medication safely
Identify general household items that can be	Follow the fire drill at school,	
harmful.	Make escape plans to use at home.	
Know how to store them safely		
Know not to eat or drink things that are not food		

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND	Second Year	Third Year
RESPONSIBILITY	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
Human Rights Violations, Gender Equity,	Explain what gender equity is	Explain what I can do when experiencing
Unfairness and Bullying	Explain what gender-based violence is	violations of human rights
First Year	Know sources of help for victims	Explain how to deal with unfairness and bullying
List 10 basic human rights		
Explain that all South Africans have the same		
rights.		
Discuss that with rights come responsibilities		
Explain what human rights violations are		
 Identify 5 types of human rights violations 		
UIF, TAX, SOCIAL GRANTS, TRADE UNIONS,	Second Year	Third Year
MEDICAL AID, PENSION	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
First Year	Know about and know the advantages of:	Know about and know the advantages of:
 Know about and know the advantages of: 	- UIF	- WCA / Injury on Duty
- Social Grants	- Tax	- Trade Unions
- Medical Aid		
- Pension		
WORLD OF WORK	Second Year	Third Year
Documentation I need	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
First Year	• Fill in a form with basic personal information.	Draw up a CV
List what documentation is needed as an adult		
Describe why this documentation is important		

Safety Signs, PPE	Second Year	Third Year
First Year	Topics covered in first year	Topics covered in first and second year
 Identify basic safety signs' shapes and colours 	Identify and respond correctly to basic safety	List the rules for PPE
and the meaning thereof	signs (8 per type)	rules for PPE
 Identify and respond correctly to basic safety 	Identify, use and care for basic PPE required in	Identify and match appropriate dress and PPE fo
signs (5 per type)	their chosen field and general PPE	various jobs
		• Explain: If PPE is not worn correctly and at all
		times, and safety rules & signs are not obeyed
		and you get hurt – it is your fault and the Boss
		does not have to help you to get medical
		treatment.

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		GRADE 5	5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3
APPROXIMA- TE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week 1	Development of Self in Society Options for my Future	 Explore options available for my future Practice goal setting for my future 	 goals, and assist them to refine their goals and plans for the future. Assist the learners to update their scrap books with more options. Where family members are willing / able to accommodate a learner in a place of business, be available to assist with awareness building of how to work with the learner, or to identify jobs that would be within the learner's ability. Request samples to take to school, to give the learner an opportunity to practice.
			 Assist the learner to define their role within their family – assisting the family by tidying the house, doing laundry, setting out dishes for supper or sweeping the yard, is meaningful, and contributes to the overall productivity of the family. Each learner can plan their tasks to do, and give feedback on the successful completion of the tasks. (refer to Grade 4 Term 4 for a feedback form that can be sent home for the parents to give feedback on the learner's completion of tasks.)

		GRADE	5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3	
APPROXIMA-	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
TE DURATION Week 2	Health Social	The learner must be able to:Know and explain what stress	 In teaching definitions, remember to keep it concrete 	ate and simple; start by evaluation
WEEK Z				
	Environmental	is	the fight / flight response, and make it relevant t	
	Responsibility	• Identify how stress feels in my	stress happens when your body is getting the me	5 5 5 5
	Dealing with	body	act on it. Teach the learners that some stress is	good, as it helps us to deal with
	stress	Know why stress is bad for you	tough situations, but too much is bad.	
		Practice relaxation techniques	• Let the learners explain how their bodies feel in	
		• Learn other positive ways of	stressful situations, or create a stressful situation	How Do You Spend Your Time?
		dealing with stress – exercise,	(e.g. a message that a learner must go to the	The Wheel of Productivity Analyze where you firm poes in true any data
		healthy diet, positive thinking,	Principal's office urgently) and let the learner	Conservations of salids (2) Conservations of the line
		and constructive use of free	explain the reactions that this kind of message	The loss sector 2
		time.	triggers in the body, e.g. increased heartbeat,	MIDNIGHT
		Use constructive free time	sweaty palms, shallow breathing etc.	9 3
		Explain what free time is	Relaxation techniques that can easily be taught	Pimary Work Other Work
		 List good ways of spending free 	to learners is controlled deep breathing or	6 PM
		time i.e. constructive free time.	tensing muscles and relaxing them. Visualisation	Managements
			of known positive situations can be used for	3 9
		• List bad ways of spending free	learners who are able to deal with more abstract	NOON
		time (e.g. sleeping too much,	concepts.	
		watching TV the whole day,		 Note a local - sea you likely your live with the points had notice you had not.
		hanging around the street and	Assist each learner to complete a Time Wheel (as a supercluster the right) to see how the superclust	themuse
		looking for trouble)	(see example to the right) to see how they spend th	
		• Learn to play at least three low	must be a balance between work, constructive free	·
		cost, traditional games.	• Traditional games that can be taught can includ	e "Klippies" (Where you use one
			hand to throw a stone into the air, and while it is	s in the air, try to pick up another
		r	stone, and catch the first stone. The turn ends whether the store of t	nen you fail to pick up a stone, or
			drop the first stone. The person who collects th	e most stones wins), "Stockings"

		GRADE	5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3
APPROXIMA-	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
TE DURATION		The learner must be able to:	(Jumping in a pattern while singing a song over a stocking tied around two other
			peoples' legs), "Piggy in the middle" (Stand in a circle, with one person in the middle
			and pass a ball to the other side without the person in the middle catching it - can be
			done netball or soccer style), clapping and rhyming games, hopscotch, basic card or board games, string art.
			• Let the learners teach each other games that they have learned from their friends
			and family.
			• Encourage learners to choose to be physically active in spending free time - this is
			much more effective in alleviating stress. Remember that learners with severe
			intellectual disability have low motivation, and they are often exposed to poor role
			models. As a teacher, model good habits and let the learners join you in positive free
			time pursuits.
Week 3	Health Social	Find their way to :	Teacher's Note: Learners arrive at school on a bus and leave on the same bus. Very
	Environmental	o home	often they are unaware that the route the bus takes is not the shortest route home, or to
	Responsibility	o to school	other important places. When the learners leave school, they may need to be able to
	Orientation to	\circ to the police station,	find their way around to important places in their town or their community. These are
	my town	\circ to the hospital / clinic,	also places where the learner can go in times of emergency to find a trusted adult to ask
		\circ to the fire brigade,	for help.
		\circ to the Social Development /	• This is a good opportunity for an outing: Take the learners to the places mentioned,
		Home Affairs office	and ask their parents to assist by showing them the direct way to and from school.
		o to the store	 As learners with a severe intellectual disability often forget, this exercise may
		o and to other important	need to be done more than once, but it is very necessary for the learner's ability
		places in town.	to get around once they leave school.
			• If the learner finds a job, they at least know the main landmarks in their own town or

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APPROXIMA- TE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
			suburb, and can make their way from there.
			• For learners who struggle to orientate themselves, make the area to be explored
			more local, e.g. new areas in and around the school and home.
			• For the learner who is totally unable to find even one of these places, provide them
			with an assistive device that they can use to ask for help when lost, such as their
			school name tag, or business card.
	Health Social	Use a map	To introduce the lesson, show the learners a globe. Show how this is made into a flat
	Environmental	Identify basic symbols used on	world map. Show how the map of South Africa is made bigger and then a map of
	Responsibility	a map of the local area	their own province and use a map of your town to teach the information required.
	Orientation to	• Identify streets, railway line,	• Use the legend of symbols found on the map to teach the learners what they mean,
	my town	rivers	and link the symbols to the places they know and have been to / seen in the previous
		• Draw a map of the area around	week. Remember to keep it within the learner's ability - do not use complex
		their house or of the school.	topographical maps, rather use maps created for tourists to your area.
			• Assist the learners to draw a route to their homes from school or to the important
			places they may need to get to.
Week 4	Constitutional	Understand Cultural Diversity:	• Let the learners explore the different religions / cultures present in their class. Let
	rights and	\circ Learner is introduced to	them tell about their background or traditions. Assist the learners to find similarities
	Responsibility	other religions & cultures	and differences, while teaching them to maintain respect for persons with other belief
	(Democracy		systems.
	and Human		• Introduce the learners to a religion or culture not familiar to them. Invite a person to
	Rights)		tell the learners about their culture or religion, but ensure that the person has been
	Diversity		briefed about the learners' ability to better understand concrete concepts and visual
			inputs.
Week 5	Constitutional	Understand Discrimination	Revise Human Rights (Term 2 Week 6) and human rights violations.
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APPROXIMA-	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
TE DURATION	rights and Responsibility (Democracy and Human	The learner must be able to: • Understand and explain what violation of personal rights is i.e. discrimination, stereotype and bias	 To introduce the topic of discrimination, let the learners role play a situation where discrimination occurs, e.g. let them identify who in class is the fastest, slowest, prettiest, loudest etc. Ask the learners why they did not choose the other learners. Use this situation to introduce the decisions of the terms. Remember to keep it as
	Rights) Discrimination	 Know how to respond to violations of personal rights: ways to protect self and others from violations and where to find help. 	 concrete and simple as possible. Prejudice : Pre-formed opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience (when choosing people in the tasks set – did you choose based on what the person has proven, or based on your own ideas and thoughts) Bias: favouring for or against one person or group, especially in an unfair way. (did you choose your friends for the nice options?) Stereotyping: a widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing. (did you make your choice based on what everyone else thought?) Discrimination: the unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people, especially on the grounds of race, age, or sex. In teaching the learners about their rights as a disabled person, also teach them where to seek support when they are being discriminated against. At school and home they will report to the trusted adult, but at work they need to know to find the union representative, or report discrimination to the boss.
Week 6	World of work	Develop interview skills	 Introduce this topic by letting the learners tell you how they think you got your job at
	Interview skills	 Understand the job seeking process Know why must I go for an interview 	school or to tell you how they think their parents found their jobs. Base your lesson on the answers they give. Use a flow diagram as a guide to teach the process. Remember to add pictures, AAC symbols etc. to diagrams to assist the learners in recalling the information.

		GRADE 5	5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3
APPROXIMA-	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
TE DURATION		The learner must be able to:oPracticeansweringbasic	 A fun way to show learners the interview process is for the teacher to role play how
		interview questions	not to go for an interview: you can include changing clothing to be sloppy and
		Practice going for a job	inappropriate, chewing gum, answering cell phone during the interview, be
		interview	inappropriate (shoes off, feet on table, hugging, laughing, being overly confident and
			then being very shy, be fake, lie to answers, offer a bribe)
			• Teach the learners how to prepare for going to an interview, and how to deal with
			their feelings of stress before and during the interview.
			• Practice answering questions that are likely to come up in an interview for entry level
			positions like:
			Tell me about yourself.
			Why are you applying for the job?
			What is intellectual disability, why do you not have a matric certificate?
			Why must we employ you?
			Questions related to their chosen skill to show that they understand the basics.
			What would you like to earn?
			• Role play interviews, and try to make it as realistic as possible. Invite people that are
			unfamiliar to the learners to school to assist with the role plays. (This may be a good
			way to involve your school's sponsors in an activity at school.)
Week 7	World of work	Know Time Management Skills:	• Assist the learners to draw up a visual schedule of their day at school and home.
	Time	 Find ways to organise work 	Practice using the schedule to plan their days. Give the learners the responsibility to
	Management	tasks	ensure they are following the school timetable.
		• Know how to use time	• Let the learners draw up a visual schedule of what an adult in their community's
		effectively and	working day looks like (homework assignment). Use these to compare different
		o efficiently	working days in different jobs. Compare the school times with working times to show

			5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3
APPROXIMA-	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
TE DURATION		The learner must be able to: o Understand and practise	the learners what to expect in a full time job.
		your accountability in	
		carrying out responsibilities.	to prioritise tasks. Remember that your learners may need very concrete examples to
		• Understand and practise	learn to do this task, so when setting examples, use concrete, familiar options, e.g.
		that all work must be done	the boss tells me to plant out some seedlings, but my girlfriend is visiting. What is
		accurately, correctly and at	
			priority, and what must wait to later?
		the correct speed.	Practice using problem solving and decision making skills to break down school
		• Understanding leave,	related tasks to smaller achievable steps. In later years, do this for simulated work
		working times, discipline at	days.
		the workplace	• Let the learners practice to ask for help in prioritising work tasks in various settings.
			• Let the learners have a competition in performing a familiar task. Point out how
			different learners focus on different aspects of task completion: some will be fast, but
			not neat; some will be neat but slow; and some may leave out steps to finish quickly.
			All tasks at work must be done accurately, correctly and at the correct speed.
			• Look at the difference between the relationship between learner and teacher versus
			the relationship of worker and boss. Use this to highlight the importance doing your
			work as instructed. Use the difference between school terms / school days and
			limited annual leave / legal working times at work to teach the learners what to
			expect when they are entering the world of work. The discipline at work can also be
			nicely contrasted by comparing discipline at school versus discipline at work – you
			can get fired if you are not doing your job well.
			• Use the discipline procedures for misconduct and the grievance procedures as set
			out in Chapter 5 and Chapter H of the Employment of Educators Act 76 of 1998 as a
			source document to develop a simplified and concrete explanations of discipline and

			5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3
APPROXIMA-	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
TE DURATION		The learner must be able to:	grievance procedures applicable in the workplace.
Week 8	World of work	Do basic accounting exercises	Revise budgeting (Term 1 Week 3)
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	5	• Understand the basic	Teach learners to get and keep slips for all money received or spent.
	Pricing	concept of accounting:	• Build a filing system to keep these slips – for weaker learners, keep it on a monthly
		keeping a record of money	basis, but stronger learners can split their slips into sub-headings under the months
		in and money out	according to types of expenses.
		 Build a filing system to keep 	• Introduce basic recordkeeping of money in and money out. Learn that you cannot
		slips	spend more money than what you have.
		\circ Keep a record of money in	• Finding the cost of generally used items can be a homework project, or can be
		and money out.	completed during an outing to a local shopping center. If this is not possible, set the
		 Do basic pricing 	task, using the inserts and advertisements sale items in the newspaper or at
		 Find the cost of various 	supermarkets.
		items that are used /	• Work with the teacher who is teaching the Skills to the learners to find out that the
		purchased regularly	materials cost. Teach the learner to factor in their labour and overheads - cost of
		\circ Find the cost of the	electricity, wear and tear on equipment, transport costs etc.
		materials used to produce	• Labour is an hourly rate based on the time it took to make the item. Workers with
		items in the Skill being	disabilities causing reduced work speed may need to find out how long it would take
		taught.	a neurotypical person to make the same item to find a realistic price. Research what
		\circ Know the costing formula	an entry level worker can charge per hour – use the Department of Labour's website
		(can use it or can use a tool	to find current minimum wage.
		to ask for help in calculating	Use the formula:
		pricing for items)	 Teach the learners the importance of only selling quality work / services. Take pride
			in what you are making to be sold, and learn to judge your work as objectively as
			possible. Remember to teach this concept as concretely as required, and encourage

GRADE 5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 3			
APPROXIMA-	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
TE DURATION		The learner must be able to:	the learners to keep their work clean, neat and tidy as far as possible.
Week 9	World of work Earning a Salary	 Identify what to do when I earn a salary. Know to keep money safe Know not to spend it all on luxuries Keep to a budget Know that buying on credit or borrowing money is costly Know that I can only spend what I earn Know about saving and how to save Minimum wage Know of the right to choose to work for less (e.g. volunteering / to gain experience) 	 Teacher's note: Many of these concepts have been taught in budgeting, but it is worth repeating the lessons again, with the focus on "what to do if I earn a salary". Teaching the learners about minimum wage will give them a realistic idea of how to answer questions about what they would like to earn and to know when they are being paid too little for the work done. The Department of Labour has very good guidelines and updates on the minimum wages in many sectors. The guides for employing domestic workers issued by the Department of Labour also has a wealth of information on the rules and regulations around employing people, and can be used as source documents to draw up many lessons about the rights & responsibilities of an employer & worker – including what the current minimum wage is. This is all easily accessed in the Department of Labour Website.

SUGGESTED LIFE SKILLS ASSESSMENT GOALS Assessment is formally recorded during the term with a minimum of 1 formal and 4 practical reported on, excluding Physical Education and Creative Arts assessment goals Third Year DEVELOPMENT OF SELF Second Year **Options Available For My Future & Practice** • Identify jobs that would be within the learner's Plan and do and do tasks to do to at home or in a **Goal Setting For Future** ability workplace First Year Give feedback on the outcome of tasks done • Identify possible jobs the learner can do HEALTH SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL Second Year Third Year RESPONSIBILITY • Explain free time • Play 3 low cost, traditional games. **Dealing With Stress, And Constructive Free** • List 4 good ways of spending free Time • List 4 bad ways of spending free time First Year Know and explain stress Identify how stress feel in my body ٠ • Describe why stress is bad for you • Demonstrate relaxation techniques • List other positive ways of dealing with stress

Orientation To My Town & Using a map	Second Year	Third Year
First Year	• The learner is able to find their way to:	Identify basic symbols used on a map of the local
• Find the way to :	- to the police station,	area
- home	- to the hospital / clinic,	 Identify streets, railway line, rivers
- to school	- to the fire brigade	Draw a map of the route from school to home or
- to the store	- to the Social Development / Home Affairs office	other important place
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND	Second Year	Third Year
RESPONSIBILITY	Discuss a new religion & culture	Compare 3 religions & cultures
Cultural Diversity: Introduction To Other	Discuss rights of a disabled person	Show how to respond to violations of personal
Religions, Cultures And Understanding	Explain how to respond to violations of personal	rights
Discrimination	rights.	- Chow how to only for holp
First Year	List where to find help	Show how to ask for help
 Compare two local cultures to find similarity and differences Explain violation of personal rights 		
WORLD OF WORK	Second Year	Third Year
 Develop interview skills First Year Explain why must I go for an interview Answer basic interview questions 	Explain the job seeking process	Role play going for a job interview

Time Management Skills	Second Year	Third Year
First YearShow how to organise work tasksExplain how to use time effectively and efficiently	 Explain your accountability in carrying out responsibilities Be accountable and responsible in carrying out duties 	 Explain that all work must be done accurately, correctly and at the correct speed. Discuss leave, working times, discipline at the workplace
Pricing and accounting	Second Year	Third Year
 First Year Explain the basic concept of accounting: keeping a record of money in and money out Build a filing system to keep cash register slips 	 Keep a record of money in and money out. Do basic pricing using the formula Find the cost of various items that are used / purchased regularly Find the cost of the materials used to produce items in the Skill being taught. 	 Know the costing formula and use it to ask for help in calculating prices
Earning a salary and minimum wage	Second Year	Third Year
First Year	Explain that buying on credit or borrowing money is eactly	Explain minimum wage
Show or describe to keep money safe	is costly	Know what the current minimum wage is
Explain not to spend money earned on luxuriesKeep to a budget	Know that I can only spend what I earnKnow about saving and how to save	Describe the right to choose to work for less
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		GRADE 5	LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
Week 1	Development	• Practice basic problem solving	• The teacher can set various scenarios and assist the learners to come up with a
	of Self in	at home and in the community	solution and practice how to implement it. Let the learners suggest problems that
	Society		they had to solve and let the class come up with ideas.
	Problem Solving		Suggested scenarios:
			\circ potential conflict situations with peers and conflict situations with supervisors (e.g.
			Reporting that a work item is stolen or not working to an angry boss) or seeing a
			colleague doing something wrong (e.g. stealing stock)
			\circ Dealing with real issues that learners may face like being offered drugs or being
			promised money in exchange for doing something illegal.
			 Running out of food at home, a sick parent that needs help or a missing sibling
			 Getting on the wrong bus and getting lost
			 Not having enough money to pay for items on a shopping list.
Week 2	Development	• Understand what it means to	Teacher's Note: Volunteering is a great way for learners with a severe intellectual
	of Self in	volunteer - Individual and	disability to show what they have learned at school to their local community. Assist the
	Society	community responsibility	learner to start taking on specific tasks (that they can do and have been taught at
		Know different types of	school) at home and for their own family. It may be as simple as sweeping the house /
		volunteer activities: helping in	garden every day after school, or washing windows. Encourage them to help out their
		my community; helping those	neighbours or in their local communities – the local church or day-care centre's garden
		less privileged.	can be swept or windows washed as well.
			• Volunteering is doing real work with no expectation of payment. This may be a hard
			concept for our learners to understand, but if kept concrete – you will gain
		r	experience, you can get a letter of recommendation, you show your community what
			<u> </u>

	GRADE 5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
			you can do, learners enjoy being able to show what they can do.	
			• Let the learners come up with realistic ideas where they can go to volunteer and	
			assist them where possible to go and do real volunteer work in their communities or	
			at home.	
Week 3 & 4	Health Social	Health and Safety issues	• When making a first aid kit, it is recommended that no medicines (even aspirin,	
	Environmental	The learner is able to	ibuprofen or paracetamol) are included, rather teach the learners to ask a	
	Responsibility	\circ Revise HIV & AIDS and	responsible person to give pain medication etc. Teach learners how to use the items	
	First Aid, Health	other communicable	in the first aid kit correctly; e.g. Savlon or Dettol must be diluted before being used to	
	Risks, HIV &	diseases and how to protect	disinfect wounds. Make a first aid kit for the class, and let each learner make a	
	AIDS	yourself. (Grade 4 Term 4	"pocket first aid kit" that they can keep with them. The personal first aid kit can	
		Week 6)	include items that may be needed - specific to their disability or for girls it can include	
		• Make a basic first aid kit,	spare menstrual pads. Good items to include can be some plasters, tissues, swabs,	
		and practice how to use the	Vaseline etc.	
		items.	• Revise calling for help, and identifying minor or severe injuries as well as the correct	
		Basic First Aid	responses to each.	
		 Know to wear gloves when 	• Be very careful to teach the medically approved ways of dealing with injuries, and	
		tending to wounds.	stay away from urban legends when showing learners how to deal with minor	
		 Know how to tend to : 	injuries, e.g. toothpaste or egg whites do not belong on a burn - the correct first	
		 splinters 	response to a burn is to run clean, cool water over the affected area.	
		 cuts and grazes, 	• Use line drawings with the basic steps to use as a reminder for the learner on how to	
		 burns, scalds and 	deal with the basic first aid situations.	
		sunburn,	• In identifying risky and healthy behaviour, assist the learners to think and plan for	
		 stings and bites, 	healthy lifestyle choices, looking after their own health by eating healthily, managing	
		 bruises, 	their stress, exercise and sleep enough and to work hard, even if they do not have a	

	GRADE 5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC		CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
			 poisoning, 	job – helping their family and community within their ability.
			 bleeding, 	
			 choking. 	
			NOTE: Basic Cardio Pulmonary	
			Resuscitation (CPR) can only	
			be taught if a qualified trainer is	
			available at the school and only	
			to the learners who are able to	
			recall the steps consistently and	
			safely.	
			Health Risks	
			\circ Identify risky behaviour in	
			terms of	
			 Sexual health 	
			 Physical health 	
			 Mental health 	
			 Emotional health 	
			 Identify healthy behaviour in 	
			terms of	
			 Sexual health 	
			 Physical health 	
			 Mental health 	
			 Emotional health 	
Week 5	Health	Social	Personal Diet and Nutrition	Teacher's Note: Refer to Grade 4 Term 1 for the content to teach. Change your focus

			LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
	and	 Make good food choices 	from being school based, to planning for the future where you may have to be
	Environmental	\circ Prepare own lunch tin for	responsible for your own meals and health. Work with a basic affordable shopping list,
	Responsibility	school/work	and do not cook fancy items - focus on basic, affordable, nutritious meals that are
		\circ Prepare a cereal for	culturally appropriate. Use cooking methods that are used by learners at home, e.g. a
		breakfast	domestic stove, gas, microwave or open fire. Give the learners some basic items that
		\circ Make and serve tea and	they may find at home and ask them for ideas of meals they can cook with these items.
		coffee	
Week 6	Constitutional	Democratic structures and	Teacher's Note: Build on the work done during Term 1 Week 7. Remember to keep it
	rights and	democratic participation	concrete and relevant to the learner's lives.
	Responsibility	\circ Know about national,	• Let the learners bring information from home about the government structures and
	(Democracy	provincial and local	community structures that they are aware of within their communities.
	and Human	government structures and	• Brief and invite the local ward councillor to visit the class, and talk to the learners
	Rights)	traditional authorities:	about where they can go for help – all local councils have a forum for the disabled,
	Democracy	political parties, interest	and this is a good way of making the learners and the councillors aware of the
		groups and lobbying groups	recourses and needs in the community.
		 Know about local community 	
		structures: non-	
		governmental organisations;	
		community-based	
		organisations, faith-based	
		organisations and	
		representative councils of	
		learners	
	X	\circ Know how to access the	

	GRADE 5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4			
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE	
		local community structures		
		when needing assistance		
		 Know about the Constitution, 		
		elections, representation of		
		constituencies, mandates,		
		lobbying, advocacy and the		
		running of meetings		
Week 7 & 8	World of work	Ask for work	Teacher's Note: During this time is the best time to recap the work done and assist the	
	Finding Work	 Practice how to look for job 	learner and their parents to think about options available to the learner after leaving	
		opportunities	school. It is not the school's responsibility to provide jobs or a safe place for the learner	
		 Practice filling in application 	after the learner graduates, but many parents will look to the school for guidelines. Use	
		forms and following	the learner's scrap book and work done in previous terms / years to investigate	
		guidelines on	opportunities. Where possible, guide or counsel the parents on their child's ability and	
		advertisements on how to	interests. With the help of their parents, learners can form part of entrepreneurial	
		apply for work.	endeavours, they can contribute to their communities, or assist at home as their job.	
		○ Update CV	Research the community resources available to graduates - there are many good	
		o Practice offering volunteer	community based (& Department of Social Development supported) sheltered	
		services	workshops where graduates can be employed with higher levels of support. Do not	
		o Investigate entrepreneurial	leave this planning and thinking for the least year of the learner's school career, as it will	
		opportunities in the	be too late to provide the learner and parents with a meaningful contribution to the	
		community	learner's future plans.	
		Presenting self to potential	• When practicing looking for jobs, remember that while newspaper advertisements are	
		employer	the first place to look, word-of-mouth, or informal employment opportunities are also	
		○ Practice making an	good sources.	

			LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4
APPROXIMATE DURATION	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS The learner must be able to:	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE
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		appointment and attending a	• Entrepreneurship (with the support of their families) is a good way of finding
		meeting with a potential	meaningful work for graduates.
		employer	Getting to know and understand their disability has been covered in every year of the
		\circ Make a sample case for	learning plan. By this time learners should be able to explain their disability with
		work done well in Skills	confidence.
		Classes, and practice	• Term 2 Week 6 deals with disclosure in an interview, but the same applies for
		showing this to a potential	employment. Teach learners that they can choose not to disclose their disability
		employer	where disclosure may lead to discrimination or bullying. Remind learners about the
		\circ Revise going for an	ways they have practiced in dealing with discrimination and bullying.
		interview (Term 3 Week 6)	
		Explain my disability	
		 Practice explaining your 	
		disability, or using an	
		assistive device to explain	
		disability.	
		\circ Know when to choose to	
		disclose your disability and	
		when not.	
	World of work	• What is on a payslip,	Teacher's Note: Draw up a basic payslip, use payslips from local employers to teach this
	Payslips	deductions and benefits	topic. If you are using copies of payslips, remember to cover names of employees. The
		 Identify gross and net salary, 	information below is a guide to the requirements - but remember to teach to the
		deductions, and	learner's level of understanding. They do not need to know the finer detail, but they need
		contributions to benefits on a	to know what will be on the payslip, and what it means.
		payslip.	• The Basic Conditions of Employment Act (No. 75 of 1997) legislates that the

	GRADE 5 LIFE SKILLS – TERM 4				
APPROXIMATE	TOPIC	CONTENT/CONCEPTS/SKILLS	CLARIFICATION NOTES/TEACHING GUIDELINE		
DURATION		The learner must be able to:			
		 Practice asking for a payslip 	following must appear in writing on a payslip when employees are paid:		
		\circ Practice filing a payslip in	 Employer's name and address 		
		the filing system that was	 Worker's name and occupation 		
		made in Term 3 Week 8	 Period for which payment is made 		
		\circ Know that a payslip is an	 Total salary or wages 		
		important document and can	 Any deductions 		
		be required if you apply for a	 The actual amount paid 		
		loan or credit.	 If relevant to the calculation of pay: 		
			 Employee's pay and overtime rates 		
			 Number of ordinary and overtime hours worked 		
			 Number of hours worked on a Sunday or public holiday 		
			$_{\odot}$ The total number of ordinary and overtime hours worked in the period of		
			averaging, if a collective agreement to average working time has been concluded.		

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SUGGESTED LIFE SKILLS ASSESSMENT GOALS

Assessment is formally recorded during the term with a minimum of 1 formal and 4 practical reported on, excluding Physical Education and Creative Arts assessment goals.

DEVELOPMENT OF SELF

Basic Problem Solving At Home And In The Community

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Demonstrate basic problem solving at school	Demonstrate basic problem solving at home	Demonstrate more complex problem solving at
Demonstrate basic problem solving at home	Demonstrate basic problem solving at home and	home
	in the community	Demonstrate more complex problems at home
		and in the community
Volunteerism		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Explain what it means to volunteer	Explain what it means to volunteer	• Plan (and where possible, execute) volunteer
List possible places where to volunteer	List possible places where to volunteer	activities in the community.
	• Plan (and where possible, execute) different	Help those less privileged
	types of volunteer activities in school	
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBIL	ITY	
Health And Safety Issues, Basic First Aid And I	lealth Risks	

First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Explain HIV & AIDS and other communicable	Identify risky behaviour in terms of	Compare risky and safe behaviour in terms of
diseases.	- Sexual health	- Sexual health
• Explain how to protect yourself against diseases	- Physical health	- Physical health
Make a basic first aid kit, and show how to use	- Mental health	- Mental health
the items.	- Emotional health	- Emotional health
• Know to wear gloves when tending to wounds.		
 Know how to tend to basic injuries 		
Personal Diet And Nutrition	Second Year	Third Year
First Year	Prepare own lunch tin for school/work	Prepare tea and coffee
Make good food choices	Prepare lunch/meal for friend	Prepare and serve tea and coffee on a tray
Cook a basic meal for self		Prepare and serve tea, coffee and a snack on a
		tray
		Prepare a cereal for breakfast
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY		
Democratic Structures And Democratic Participation	n	
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
List national, provincial and local government	List about local community structures: non-	Discuss the Constitution, elections,
structures and traditional authorities: political	governmental organisations; community-based	representation of constituencies, mandates,
parties, interest groups and lobbying groups	organisations, faith-based organisations and	lobbying, advocacy and the running of meetings
	representative councils of learners	Explain the process of elections
	Know how to access the local community	
	structures when needing assistance	

WORLD OF WORK		
Asking For Work		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Demonstrate how to look for job opportunities	Fill in application forms	Update a CV
	Follow guidelines on advertisements on how to	Offers volunteer services
	apply for work.	Investigate entrepreneurial opportunities in the
		community
		Sort opportunities by choosing the best one
		suitable for the learner
Presenting Self To Possible Employer		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Make an appointment and attend a meeting with	Make a sample case of work done well in Skills	Update sample case for work done well in Skills
a potential employer	Class	Classes, and show this to a potential employer
	Show off samples of work to a potential employer	
Explain Disability		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Explain his / her disability, or use an assistive	Know when to choose to disclose his / her	Explain his / her disability, or use an assistive
device to explain disability.	disability and when not.	device to explain disability.
	Know the way in how to disclose disability	Know when to choose to disclose his / her
		disability and when not.

What Is A Pay slip, Deductions And Benefits		
First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Identify gross and net salary, deductions, and	• File a pay slip in the filing system that was made	• Explain that a pay slip is an important document
contributions to benefits on a pay slip.	in term 3 week 8	and can be required if you apply for a loan or
Ask for a pay slip	File letters	credit.
		Understand what a loan is
		Understand what credit is
WORLD OF WORK – JOB PLACEMENT IN SCHOO	L OR AT ANOTHER WORKPLACE: AVERAGE SCOR	E FOR THE YEAR.
(Refer Chapter 2 paragraph 2.4.7)		~

3. SECTION 4

ASSESSMENT

Generic section 4 to be inserted in the learning programme after public comment changes/corrections have been made.

3.1 Assessment plans with assessment tasks.

Assessment across grade R – 5 with differentiation

Grade R Term 1-4

TERM ONE TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	3RD YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
1 Practical	Respond to own name and know teacher	Know own name and surname and identify	Understand and obey class rules
1 Tradida	and her name or	teacher and friends	or
	Take part in classroom activities and	or	Understand and obey school rules
	routines	Name classroom equipment	
2	Know his/her name and surname	Identify genders of friends and class mates	Describe function of body parts
Practical	or	or	
	Identify all parts of the face	Identify body parts	
3	Show emotions happy/sad	Show emotions in a good way	Describe and show emotions happy/sad/
Practical		happy/sad/scared/mad	scared/mad/worried
4	Understand that colours exist	Identify and name colours yellow/blue	Identify and name colours yellow/blue/red
Practical	or		
	Know colour yellow		
5			
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment bas	ed on a core skill taught)	
TERM TWO	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	3RD YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
TASK			
1 Practical	Show the different senses	Identify and name different senses	Connects all the five senses to the world around
	hear/see/feel/smell/taste	hear/see/feel/smell/taste	him/her
2	Describe a clean eating environment	Collect and match crockery and cutlery	Understand the functions of crockery and cutlery
Practical	or		or

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	Match crockery and cutlery		Discuss importance of healthy food
3 Practical	Identify and show apple/banana or Recognise the taste of apple/banana	Match and name apple/banana/grapes/pear	Identify the colour, taste, texture and shape of apple/banana/grapes/pear/peach/orange
4 Practical	Identify carrots/cabbages	Indicate colours yellow/blue/red/orange/green Match and show colours in different objects	Know colours yellow/blue/red/orange/green/ purple
5 Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment b	ased on a core skill taught)	
TERM THREE TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	3RD YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
1 Practical	Know colours yellow/blue/red/orange/ green/purple	Know what makes up a family mom/dad/siblings/grandparents or Know that no two families are alike	Know and label what makes up a family with extended family or Describe and explain family activities
2 Practical	Match pictures of a house's walls/roof/door/windows/rooms inside the house /kitchen/bedroom/bathroom/living area	Identify and name rooms in the house kitchen/bedroom/bathroom/living area/extended areas	Understand and demonstrate own responsibility in the house
3 Practical	Match words or pictures of a car/bicycle/bus/taxi	Identify and name car/bicycle/bus/taxi/train/ airplane	Understand and compare responsibilities of family members in a home
4 Practical	Indicate yellow/blue/red/orange	List colours in different objects	Know and name colours yellow/blue/red/orange/ green/purple

			or
			Label colours in different objects
5			
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment b	based on a core skill taught)	
TERM FOUR TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	3RD YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
1 Practical	Know what water is	Know water is life	Understand that we have to save water
			or
			Understand and name the four rules for water
			safety
2	Match words or pictures of a pet, e.g.	Know what a pet is cat/dog/fish/etc.	Understand the responsibility of a pet
Practical	cat/dog to play object	Know ways in how to care for pets like	
	or	food/water/love/exercise etc.	
	Select ways in how to care for pets like	or	
	food/water/love	Identify shelters for pets	
3	Match farm animals, e.g.	Identify farm animals cow/sheep/chicken/horse	Identify and name farm animals
Practical	cow/sheep/chicken		cow/sheep/chicken/horse/
4	Match wild animals, e.g.	Identify wild animals lion/elephant/leopard/rhino/	Identify and name wild animals
Practical	lion/elephant/leopard/	buffalo	lion/elephant/leopard/
	rhino/ buffalo		rhino/buffalo
5			
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment I	based on a core skill taught)	

Grade 1 term 1 - 4

TERM ONE		
TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION

or	or
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Know four (4) class rules	Know five (5) class rules and three (3) school rules
Match personal details name/surname/ telephone number	Know personal details name/surname/age/ telephone number/address
or	or
Discuss that people are different	Understand what a disability is.
Identify emotions happy/sad/scared/mad/ worried/hungry/thankful	Identify and compare different emotions happy/
	sad/scared/mad/worried/hungry/thankful/lonely/excited
Identify and name all colours learned up to now, namely	Identify the rainbow colours
yellow/blue/red/orange/green/purple/	
Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)	
1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
Give examples and point out dangers around home	Read emergency number card
	or
	know how to keep safe at home
Understand families have rules too	Know the meaning of respect for family members
Compare safe and unsafe situations	Know and discuss how to protect the body
Indicate primary and secondary colours	Understand colour symbolises things and emotions
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Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)	
	or Discuss that people are different Identify emotions happy/sad/scared/mad/ worried/hungry/thankful Identify and name all colours learned up to now, namely yellow/blue/red/orange/green/purple/ Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught) 1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION Give examples and point out dangers around home Understand families have rules too Compare safe and unsafe situations Indicate primary and secondary colours

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TERM THREE		
TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
1 Practical	Know toilet routine	Know the rules about things that can harm them
	or	
	Know how to wash hands	
2	Indicate seeds and plants	Indicate and discuss what plants need to grow
Practical	or	or
	Label the parts of a plant, e.g. root/stem/ leaves/flowers	Know and label the functions and parts of a plant, namely roots/a
		stem/leaves/flowers
3	Identify fruit. e.g. Apple/Banana/Grapes/Pear/Peach/Pineapple/	Identify name and describe fruit according to their colour, shape and taste:
Practical	Orange/ Lemon/Apricot/Plum	Apple/Banana/ Grapes/Pear/Peach/Pineapple/Orange/Lemon/Apricot/Plum
4	Identify vegetables, e.g.	Identify, name and describe vegetables according to their colour, shape and taste:
	Carrot/Cabbage/Beans/Potato/Pumpkin/Onion/	Carrot/Cabbage/Beans/Potato/Pumpkin/Onion/beetroot/Peas/Sweet
Practical		potato/Butternut/Cauliflower/Broccoli
	beetroot/Peas/Sweet potato/Butternut/Cauliflower/Broccoli	F
5		
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taugh	A)
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TERM FOUR		
TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
1 Practical	Name uses of water at home and school	Recognise that there is a water cycle and match pictures
	or	
	Explain how to store clean water	
2	Indicate what homes are made of, e.g.	Identify and compare homes and include traditional homes like Zulu hut etc.
Practical	wood/mud/bricks/stone/hardboard/plastic etc.	

3		
Practical	Describe and label types of houses	Discuss and explain reasons for shelters for pets
4	Indicate, name and label wild animals, e.g.	Identify, name and label the babies of the farm animals
Practical	lion/elephant/leopard/rhino/buffalo/	
	bucks/zebra/hippo/crocodile/giraffe/	
	snake/ostrich/birds/lizard/spider/scorpion	
	Compare characteristics of wild animals above	
5		
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)	

Grade 2 term 1 - 4

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Grade 2 term	1 - 4	
TERM ONE	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
TASK		
1 Practical	Identify and label places in the community like hospital/clinic/police	Discuss and explain how communities can work together
	station/taxi rank/post office etc.	
2	Understand the fact that we have needs to live, for example	Understand why we have needs to live
Practical	food/water/air/sunlight/shelter/friends/etc.	
3	Respect and understand that other people also have rights	Understand and list own role and roles of other
Practical		or
		Understand how to deal with conflict in a positive way
4	Name and identify five (5) senses	Explain and discuss how to care for eyes/ears/nose/mouth/skin
Practical		
5		
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)	

TERM TWO		
TASK	1 st YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
1 Practical	Know how seasons affect our clothes/food and activities	Name and discuss the four seasons according to their characteristics
		or
		Explain how the seasons affect animals
2	Compare salt and fresh water	Compare water and land animals according to their characteristics
Practical		or
		Know which of the animals above live in rivers/ponds/ocean
3	Identify animals and creatures that make own homes - such as birds,	Explain and compare the purpose of the homes of animals
Practical	some bees, ants, spiders etc.	
	or	
	Identify animals and creatures that find their homes - such as	
	baboons, snakes, squirrels etc	
	or	
	Identify animals and creatures that carry their homes - such as	
	snails, tortoises etc.	
4	Identify/name and compare different farm animals	Understand the meaning of camouflage
Practical		or
		Compare camouflage of farm and wild animals
5		•
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)	
TERM THREE		
TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
1 Practical	Compare the different types of transport	Compare and group the different types of transport
2	Identify Pedestrians	Identify, name and label basic Road signs like Stop, Pedestrian crossing, Robot

Practical	Identify Cyclists	- the colours and the meaning of it
	Identify Passengers	
3	Select people who help us in our community - such as clinic nurse,	Know and practice who to contact when help is needed
Practical	teacher and after-care teacher, traffic cop, police officer etc.	
	or	
	Ask for assistance	
	or	
	Know who to contact when help is needed	
4	Identify	Indicate and sort fruit from vegetables
Practical	Apple/banana/grapes/pear/peach/pineapple/orange/lemon/apricot/	
	plum/melon/ watermelon/guava/granadilla/mango	
	Identify Carrot/cabbage/bean/potato/pumpkin/onion/	
	beetroot/peas/sweet potato/butternut/ cauliflower/broccoli	
5		
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)	
TERM FOUR		
TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
1 Practical	Show and match pictures to the water cycle	Know and discuss the water cycle using basic vocabulary
		or
		Know and explain how water purification works
2	Select the South African flag	Know the province of residence
Practical	or	Know town of residence
	Respond to the anthem	or
		Know and label the flag and the meaning of the colours
3	Understand that one should be careful not to give private information	Identify ways that a person's privacy and reputation may be compromised online
Practical	to strangers	

4	Discuss and explain things or events we do at night - get ready for	Identify night animals - such as owls, hamsters, porcupines, leopards, jackal
Practical	bed, read and tell stories, sleep and dream	
5		
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)	

Grade three term 1 - 4			
TERM ONE			
TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	
1 Practical	Sequence events correctly	Know how to give a compliment	
	or	or	
	List positive qualities of self/family/friends	Handle criticism in a positive manner	
2	Understand and list needs and wants	Acknowledge that rights come with responsibilities	
Practical			
3	Know one (1) or two (2) rights	Understand connection between words and actions	
Practical			
4	Accept and explain puberty and its changes that occurs	Describe and discuss taking care of changes	
Practical	or		
	Understand and list changes is girls and boys		
5			
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill ta	ught)	
TERM TWO			
TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	
1 Practical	Identify different insects	Observe, draw and label an insect	
		or	
		Discuss how insects harm us	
2	Identify the Life Cycle of a Mammal (dog)	Identify, label and discuss an Amphibian (frog) life cycle	

Practical		or
		Identify, label and discuss a Bird (chicken) life cycle
3	Sort waste which can be re-used and explain why	Indicate and list waste which cannot be recycled
Practical		
4	Understand why we don't touch another person's blood	Understand that we are not safe with everyone
Practical		Know rules for keeping my body safe
		Know how to report abuse
5		
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill tau	ught)
TERM THREE		
TASK	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
1 Practical	Indicate and name dangerous places to play	Indicate and explain dangers of electricity
	or	or
	Select signs that warn us of danger	Know signs that warn us of danger
2	Name different types of pollution – water, land and air	Explain and list effects of pollution on people
Practical		or
		Explain and list effects of pollution on the environment
3	Show earth from space (what it looks like)	Understand and discuss Space travel
Practical		
4	Understand why we have to eat health	Understand how to preserve and store fruit and vegetables
Practical	or	or
	Prepare vegetables and fruit before eating them	Know about hygiene when we work with food
5		
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill tau	ught)
TERM FOUR	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION

TASK		
1 Practical	Give examples of how processes change from basic ingredients to	Know where money comes from and how it is used
	things we use.	
2	Match animals and the products they give us	Discuss: From plants – process –from cane to sugar
Practical	Food (goats and cows give milk and beef, chickens give eggs and	
	chicken meat, bees give us honey)	
	Clothes (Sheep give us wool, cows give us leather)	
3	Identify and explore different jobs at school	Identify and discuss likes and dislikes of different careers
Practical	or	
	Identify and explore different jobs in the local community	
4	Discuss and give examples about opportunities to make money for	See and discuss an opportunity to make money for themselves
Practical	themselves	or
	or	Receive and handle money
	Make a product and tell how you would sell it	
5		
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught))
Grade 4 term	1 - 4	

Grade 4 term 1 - 4

TERM ONE	1 ST YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
TASK		
1 Practical	Identify healthy food & unhealthy food	Know to prepare food with clean hands and on clean surfaces and clean up
	Understand why I must eat healthy	where you worked.
	or	ог
	Show what a balanced meal should look like.	Say how to preserve and store food safely.
		Know when good food is dangerous.
2	Say why substance abuse is bad for you	Ask for help

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Practical	or	or	
	Know why I must take the medicine my Doctor gives me, but not	Identify symptoms of substance abuse	
	the medicine that my friend has or someone gives to me.		
3	Tell the first 6 work rules.	Say and adhere to all 12 work rules.	
Practical	or	or	
	Greet other persons appropriately.	Report if something is broken or not working.	
4	Identify types of drugs used.	Talk about cultural rites of passage.	
Practical	Say why substance abuse is bad for you	or	
	Identify symptoms of substance abuse	Name important life events in the individual's life in South African cultures.	
	Know why I must take the medicine my Doctor gives me, but not	or	
	the medicine that my friend has or someone gives to me.	Understands where money comes from and what money can buy.	
5			
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)		
TERM TWO	1 ST YEARWITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	
TASK			
1 Practical	Describe the term "democracy"	Explain the term "citizenship"	
		or	
	or	State four jobs you wish to do and why?	
	Identify five(5) jobs in your community		
2	Identify different people in my world.	Know safe and unsafe relationships.	
Practical	or	Know bad and good relationships.	
	Know their role and position.	Know benefits of good and safe relationships.	
3	List seven (7) values of a good leader.	Tell the difference between a right and a responsibility.	
Practical	or		
	Discuss your role as a citizen in your home, school and community.		

4	State four jobs you wish to do.	Provide three reasons why it is necessary to work.
Practical	or	or
	Know the difference between needs and wants.	List three (3) consequences of not working.
5		
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taugh	it)
TERM THREE	1 ST YEARWITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
TASK		
1 Practical	Give examples of peer pressure in school and community	Show how to deal with peer pressure
	Give examples of bullying in school and community	Show how to deal with bullies and bullying
	or	or
	Give examples of abuse in school and community.	Show how to deal with child abuse and abusive situations.
	Identify what violence / violent situations are.	Show how to deal with and get away from / out of violent situations
2	Give a basic explanation of HIV and AIDS	Show how to interact with people who are HIV+
Practical	Explain transmission of HIV through blood and body fluids	Talk about stigma
	or	
	Know how HIV is not transmitted	
	Know how to protect oneself against infection through blood and	
	body fluids	
3	Show and follow road signs applicable to pedestrians and cyclists	Demonstrate good railway/bus/taxi/car safety:
Practical	Demonstrate good passenger behaviour	how to look out for
		how to approach
		how to get on and off
		how to behave in trains, buses, taxis or cars
4	Say the first five (5) NO rules	Say ten (10) NO rules
Practical	or	or

	Identify the producer, supplier and consumer	Explain entrepreneurship	
5			
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)		
TERM FOUR	1 ST YEARWITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	
TASK			
1 Practical	Identify own disability(ies) using the correct term(s)	Build positive self-concept, with the disability as part of the personal makeup of an	
		individual	
2	Identify 4 dangers	Practice evacuation plans or reporting problems at school	
Practical			
3	Identify 7 common diseases	Know how to prevent getting infected or sick	
Practical	Know the basic symptoms of the diseases	Know where to go for treatment	
4	Use a bankcard to draw money from the bank.	Practice using a bank card and ATM	
Practical	Understand not to draw more money from the bank than what you	Know what saving and interest is	
	have in it		
5			
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)		
Grade 5 term 2	1-4		

TERM ONE	1 ST YEARWITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	3RD YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
TASK			
1 Practical	Know good ways to cope with the feelings of	Know what are bad coping strategies Practice problem	Discuss good coping strategies for dealing with
	depression, grief, loss.	solving skills to deal with these situations	the impact of being disabled.
2	List how to prevent HIV and AIDS.	Tell what unhealthy sexual behaviour is.	Describe how to care for people living with HIV
Practical		Describe the consequences of teenage pregnancy.	and AIDS or other diseases.
3	Tell how to respect differences in culture,	Celebrate unity in diversity	Tell what it means to be a South African Citizen
Practical	religion and gender.	- respect differences	List rights of a South African Citizen.
		- celebrate similarity	

		- participate in an event	
4	Discuss the purpose of rules at work.	Discuss the grievance processes.	Describe Unions and their function in the
Practical	Discuss the disciplinary steps at work.	Discuss leave rules.	workplace.
5			
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)		
TERM TWO	1 ST YEARWITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	3RD YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
TASK			
1 Practical	Know the difference between a small injury	Know how to react to or assist a person who is having	Compare different responses to different
	and a big injury	an:	emergencies
		- epileptic attack,	
		- asthma attack,	
		- other attack (as per specific school)	
2	Know about and know the advantages of:	Know about and know the advantages of:	Know about and know the advantages of:
Practical	Social Grants	UIF – Unemployment Insurance Fund	WCA – Workman Compensation Act / Injury
	Medical Aid	Employees Taxation/ Tax	on Duty
	Pension		Trade Unions
3	List what documentation is needed as an	Fill in a form with basic personal information.	Draw up a Curriculum Vitae
Practical	adult.		
	Describe why this documentation is		
	important.		
4	Explain that all South Africans have the	Explain what gender equity is.	Explain what I can do when experiencing
Practical	same rights.	Explain what gender-based violence is.	violations of human rights.
		Know sources of help for victims.	Explain how to deal with unfairness and
			bullying.
5		1	1
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment based on a core skill taught)		

TERM	1 ST YEARWITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	3RD YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
THREE			
TASK			
1 Practical	Know and explain stress	List four (4) good ways of spending free time	Play three (3) low cost, traditional games.
	Identify how stress feel in my body	List four (4) bad ways of spending free time	
	Describe why stress is bad for you		
	Demonstrate relaxation techniques		
2	Find way to :	The learner is able to find their way to:	Draw a map of the route from school to home
Practical	- home	- to the police station,	or other important place
	- to school	- to the hospital / clinic,	
	- to the store	- to the fire brigade	
		- to the Social Development / Home Affairs office	
3	Compare two (2) local cultures to find	Discuss a new religion & culture.	Compare three (3) religions & cultures.
Practical	similarity and differences.		
4	Explain why must I go for an interview.	Explain the job seeking process.	Role play going for a job interview.
Practical	Answer basic interview questions.		
5			
Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment base	ed on a core skill taught)	
TERM FOUR	1 ST YEARWITH DIFFERENTIATION	2ND YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION	3RD YEAR WITH DIFFERENTIATION
TASK			
1 Practical	Explain what it means to volunteer.	Plan (and where possible, execute) different types of	Help those less privileged.
	List possible places where to volunteer.	volunteer activities in school.	
2	Cook a basic meal for self.	Prepare own lunch tin for school/work	Prepare and serve tea, coffee and a snack on a
Practical		or	tray.
		Prepare lunch/meal for a friend.	
3	Demonstrate how to look for job	Follow guidelines on advertisements on how to apply	Update sample case for work done well in

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Practical	opportunities.	portunities. for work.				
			employer.			
4	Explain his / her disability, or use an	Know when to choose to disclose his / her disability	Know the way in how to disclose disability			
Practical	assistive device to explain disability.	and when not.				
5 Formal	Formal assessment (Select assessment b	ased on a core skill taught)				

Addendum A 1:

CONSENT AND INDEMNITY

I,	(Name of parent)
Parent of,	(Name of learner)
(Address)	

Hereby give my consent for my son/daughter to take part in the Vocational Training Programme and to do his/her training at:

	(Name of Workplace)
25.2	(lob title)

as well as all concerned at the workplace mentioned above, against and from any or all claims whatsoever that might arise in connection with any loss or damage to the property or injury to the person of my child aforesaid in the course of his/her work at the above company and while travelling to and from the school.

This permission and indemnity is valid for the school year of ______.

Signed:		(Parent)
•.g		_ (

Date:_____

Addendum A 2

(Name and Address of workplace)

Skills and Vocational Job placement for learner with a severe intellectual disability

Job Title: _____

At (name of School)

we aim to give our learners a holistic education aimed at empowering them to function in their communities.

Part of the process is the Job Placement Project.

Selected learners are identified who are given an opportunity to experience what happens in a real workplace. These learners will be transported to your business and the learner will be placed into the care of the employee that has been identified as the mentor for the learner. A professional member of staff at _______(name of school) is in charge of the process and is on standby for assistance during this time. These learners are given an opportunity to work alongside a staff member at your workplace, to learn some basic tasks, and use of tools etc.

The telephone numbers to use if you need any assistance with a learner related to the project are:

(School number)

____(Cell phone number on hand for the day)

As all our learners are severely intellectually disabled, so we do not expect them to learn any complicated tasks or jobs, and we do not expect that they be allowed to take responsibility for any complicated processes or procedures. Learners will work alongside a willing member of staff, who gains an assistant for the time allocated.

We also request that the employer give feedback to the child's teacher based on a simple report card. This information is added to the school report. Aspects that we would appreciate feedback on would include:

- Describe the tasks you taught the learner to do.
- Describe if the learner did the tasks to the level expected in your workplace.

- Which tools did the learner learn to use?
- Describe if the learner used the tools to the level expected in your workplace?
- Did the learner have the physical endurance to do the tasks for the time spent at your workplace?
- How motivated was the learner in doing the tasks?
- Did the learner socialize appropriately with other workers?
- How neat did the learner leave the workspace?

As this is part of their schooling, we do not expect the learners to receive any remuneration.

The learner's parents also sign an indemnity which allows the learner to come to the workplace during school hours, and the parents also indemnify the workplace in case of any unforeseen incident.

Thank you for considering the opportunity to be even more involved in the education of the severely intellectually disabled learners of our community.

ADDENDUM B 1

Assessment

Criterion referencing is best used to describe learner's performance in a skill. Teachers must make use of suitable analytical rubrics when assessing a learner's competence for a specific skill using practical demonstrations.

Make use of the following Assessment Tool to draw up rubrics:

Rating	Level of support	Description of	Functional Description
Code	required	competence	
7	Independent	Outstanding	Do school related, self-care and functional tasks at
		achievement	required levels for speed, quality and accuracy,
			independently.
			Show outstanding grasp of knowledge, values and
			skills being taught and can apply to daily life.
			Demonstrate outstanding ability consistently with
			transfer of skill and knowledge to other subjects
			and life. (Consistent performance at this level may
			indicate that the learner is a candidate to straddle
			to higher grades or programmes)
6	Independent, verbal	Meritorious	Do school related, self-care and functional tasks
	cues needed	achievement	independently at acceptable levels for speed,
			quality and accuracy with reminder or
			prompt.(Little or to no supervision)
			Show excellent grasp of knowledge, values and
			skills being taught and can apply to daily life.
			Demonstrate excellent ability consistently with
			transfer of skill and knowledge to other subjects
		P.	and life.
5	Minimal Support	Substantial	Do school related, self-care and functional tasks at
		achievement	required levels for speed, quality and accuracy
			with minimal support and supervision.
			Show substantial grasp of knowledge and values
			and skills being taught and can apply to daily life.
			Demonstrate consistent ability with some transfer
			of skill and knowledge to other subjects and life.
4	Moderate Support	Adequate	Do school related, self-care and functional tasks at
		achievement	just below required levels for speed, quality and
			accuracy with moderate support and supervision.
			Show an adequate grasp of knowledge, values
			and skills being taught and can apply to daily life

	loderate chievement	Demonstrate fluctuating ability, with some transfer of skill and knowledge to other subjects and life on occasion. Do school related, self-care and functional tasks at below required levels for speed, quality and accuracy with maximum physical and or verbal support and continuous supervision. Show a moderate grasp of knowledge, values and skills being taught.
		occasion. Do school related, self-care and functional tasks at below required levels for speed, quality and accuracy with maximum physical and or verbal support and continuous supervision. Show a moderate grasp of knowledge, values and
		occasion. Do school related, self-care and functional tasks at below required levels for speed, quality and accuracy with maximum physical and or verbal support and continuous supervision. Show a moderate grasp of knowledge, values and
		below required levels for speed, quality and accuracy with maximum physical and or verbal support and continuous supervision. Show a moderate grasp of knowledge, values and
(Physical / Verbal) ac	chievement	accuracy with maximum physical and or verbal support and continuous supervision. Show a moderate grasp of knowledge, values and
		support and continuous supervision. Show a moderate grasp of knowledge, values and
		Show a moderate grasp of knowledge, values and
		skills being taught
		skiis being taugitt.
		Demonstrate some ability with coincidental
		transfer of skill and knowledge to other subjects
		and life.
2 Goals to be revisited EI	lementary	Do some school related, self-care and functional
	chievement	tasks at below required levels for speed, quality
required		and accuracy with maximum physical and or
		verbal support and continuous supervision.
		Show an elementary grasp of knowledge, values
		and skills being taught.
		Demonstrate elementary ability (It is important at
		this stage to establish whether the learner has
		potential to improve level of function with support
		or whether the learner will remain at this level
		which means that goals need to be revisited)
1 Little / no interest No	lot achieved	Do some school related, self-care and functional
shown in activity		tasks with maximum physical and or verbal
despite maximum		support and continuous and consistent
support		supervision.
		Show an elementary grasp of knowledge, values
		and skills being taught.
		Demonstrate elementary and inconsistent ability (It
		is important at this stage to establish whether the
		learner has potential to improve level of function
		with support or whether the learner will remain at
		this level. If the learner's ability is plateauing, it
		means that goals need to be revisited or straddling
		to the learning programme for Learners with
		Profound Intellectual Disability must be
		considered.)

ADDENDUM B 2

An example of a recording sheet

LIFE SKILLS GRADE R WITH DIFFERENTIATION: TERM 1									ASSESSMENT RECORDING SHEET								
Teacher:		١	ear:														
ASSESSMENT SCALE																	
7 = Outstanding achievement	6 = Meritorious achievement			5 = 5	5 = Substantial achievement					4 = Adequate achievement							
3 = Moderate achievement	2 = Eleme	entary a	achieve	ment		1 = Not achieved											
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NAMES OF LEARNERS		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Practical Task 1:																	
Practical Task 2:																	
Practical Task 3:																	
Practical Task 4:																	
Theoretical Task:	X																
Score for term:																	

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ADDENDUM C

SONGS

To the tune of : "She'll Be Coming' Around the Mountain."

"Water travels in a cycle yes it does, Water travels in a cycle yes it does. (move hands around in circle) It goes up as evaporation. (palms up, rise hands up to head) It forms clouds as condensation. (form cloud-like shape over head)

It falls down as precipitation, yes it does! (wiggle fingers and make hands go down like it's raining)

ADDENDUM D

Suggestions for Assessment of learners with severe intellectual disability:

Assessment should compromise of 20% theory and 80% practical work. Assessment should not, and may not always be in a written form (e.g. a worksheet). Teachers should assess according to the ability levels of the learners with a severe intellectual disability. This policy will be used as the basis for assessment however the teacher will be held accountable and responsible for the assessment of the learners.

In assessing learners' ability and their work, the idea is to create a learning environment where the real world context comes first and the theory second to promote the learner's grasp of the experience, knowledge, values, skills, concept or event being taught.

Blooms Taxonomy is one of the frames of references used in designing the Life Skills Assessment Programme. There are six levels in the taxonomy, beginning from the lowest or basic level progressing to the highest. The learning of the lower levels develops the basic skills and understanding for the application in each level as we progress. Bloom's taxonomy has a list of verbs to assist in the assessment of learners to show progression form one level to the next. These descriptors can assist teachers to plan activities accordingly.

Bear in mind that the learner with a severe intellectual disability is expected to mostly function on the lower two levels, however, any higher level of performance must be recorded and encouraged.

The verbs used in the Assessment Criteria of the Life Skills Programme – as part of the teaching plan - was based on the verbs used in Blooms Taxonomy. This is intended to be a practical and measurable assessment tool for all learners and can be used interchangeably, for example: a

learner who cannot name, can show his achievement of a skill by matching or showing as illustrated in the figure below.



Each of the Life Skills topics requires that certain skills, knowledge and values be addressed and assessed. Skills such as decision-making, communication, assertiveness, negotiation, goal-setting, ability to access information, problem-solving and creative thinking are addressed across all subjects taught and is assessed through formal or informal assessment for Life Skills. In the same way attitudes such as respect for the self and others, respect for and acceptance of differences, taking responsibility, perseverance, persistence, anti-discrimination and equality are also addressed and assessed across all subjects taught and the progress of a learner is monitored throughout the school year and involves the following two different but related activities:

In Life Skills, the emphasis of assessment is observing learners on an ongoing basis in a structured manner during their school day. The purpose of assessment of Life Skills is to assess the development of knowledge, skills and values, to support and encourage the learner, and to assess the learner's holistic development.

The results of assessment tasks are not taken into account for promotion purposes. The results should provide the school with valuable information when learners are grouped together for class placement. The results will also assist in making the decision of guiding learners towards a vocational field, and setting up the learner's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Since learners will function on different grades or levels (straddling), the assessment / recording / reporting system must make provision to reflect the developmental level of each leaner. Each learner, regardless of his/her number of years in the school, must have access to the standard of assessment best suited to his/her needs. The learner's abilities determine what will be expected of him/her and the pacing of instruction must accommodate each individual learner.

Assessment should be both informal (Assessment for Learning) and formal (Assessment of Learning) and in both cases regular feedback should be provided to learners and relevant stakeholders to enhance their learning experience. Both formal and informal assessment will enable the teacher to monitor the learner's progress throughout the term.

It should be borne in mind that the method of assessment -formal or informal - should recognise the learner's special needs. These learners need familiar contexts to be able to demonstrate their abilities except where the assessment aims to evaluate ability to apply knowledge in a new setting for example World of Work.

Informal assessment of Life Skills is done on an ongoing basis. In Life Skills each learner should be informally assessed through observations and other forms of recording. The forms of assessment should be appropriate to the learner's age and developmental level.. The design of the assessment tasks should cover the content of the topic and include a variety of tasks designed to achieve the objectives of that specific topic.

Assessment can take place individually, in small groups or in large groups during free play and as part of structured activities. Checklists and rubrics may also be used to record assessments.

Informal assessment has the purpose of continuously collecting information on a learner's progress that can be used to improve their learning. Informal assessment is the daily monitoring of learners' progress and can be done through:

Observations: looking at learners in a systematic way over a specific period of time. One good way to do this is to keep an observation book. Anything interesting or of concern should be noted in the observation book, and followed up each day. These notes should also include planning of teaching, and can also include future assessments.

Anecdotal records: it is a brief written description of the learners behaviour at a specific time and it also focuses on a sequence of events that occurs over a period of time

Checklist: list of behaviours identifying their knowledge and skills

Portfolios: collection of work samples and other products of learners work that demonstrates what he/she can do or are able to do

Interviews: engaging learners in discussions through questions

Informal pencil and paper activities (may include worksheets, collages, colouring pasting pictures etc.) completed after the lesson.

Discussion

Role-play

The results of all the informal assessment tasks are not formally recorded unless the teacher intends to do so. In such instances, a simple checklist may be used to record the assessment. This may serve to give feedback to the learners, their parents and the school management team.

All assessment tasks that make up a formal programme of assessment for the year are regarded as Formal Assessment. Formal assessment tasks are marked and results are formally recorded by the teacher. Formal assessment does however not serve the purpose of assessing progression and certification. As noted above, formal assessment is to guide the teacher in developing the IEP of the learner.

All formal assessment tasks are subject to internal moderation for the purpose of quality assurance and to ensure that appropriate standards are maintained.

Formal assessment provides teachers with a systematic way of evaluating how well learners are progressing in a grade and in a particular subject. Examples of formal assessment tasks include worksheets, practical tests, projects, performances etc. Formal assessment tasks form part of a year-long formal programme of assessment in each grade and subject. The forms of assessment used should be appropriate to the age and the developmental level of the learners. The assessment tasks should be carefully designed to cover the topic, content and or skills of the subject. The design of these tasks should therefore ensure that a variety of skills are assessed.

To execute formal assessment, the teacher should:

Understand that abstract paper and pencil activities tasks (formal assessment) like worksheets may make it especially difficult for some learners to show what they know and one must always keep in mind the learner's ability and it should not threaten the learner's self-esteem or make them feel they have failed. Make worksheets difficult to challenge the learner, but keep it achievable.

The length of the worksheet should be sensitive to the learner's abilities and attention spans.

Ensure that the formal assessment task coincide with the practical skills and theoretical work embedded in the practical skill correspond with the tasks performed on that day or within the previous week

Explain the task to guide the learner, show an example of the completed tasks in order for the learner to know exactly what to do and what is expected

Divide the class in more than one group and give a task with similar, but differentiated content to all the learners, however the level of difficulty should differ and be in reach of the learners' level of development

Write the date of expected completion in the learners book and

Compile a suitable assessment tool - checklist, rubric etc

For most new learners coming into Grade R to 5 will be a new experience. They will have had different educational experiences up to that point, and have acquired different skills. The teacher needs to identify each learner's abilities and needs through a baseline assessment. It may be necessary to allow some learners to catch up and other learners to do enrichment activities. Based on on-going assessment, the teacher is expected to accommodate all learners in programmes of learning and assess their achievements and progress. Use grade straddling, enrichment tasks from other grades, or design requirements down to allow the learner to have a positive and challenging learning experience.

It is not necessary to store all the formal assessment of all learners. It is useful, however, to keep some work that can show progress over time. Teachers can give learners a choice of keeping work that gives a good indication of the learner's abilities at a particular time. These can be kept in files, and displayed during parent interviews and evenings. Otherwise, learners' work should be displayed in the classroom. At certain points learners can take their work home so that the classroom does not become cluttered

All records must be accessible, easy to interpret, securely kept, confidential and helpful in the teaching and reporting process. The school assessment policy determines the details of how record books must be completed. Schools are required to provide quarterly feedback to parents on the Programme of Assessment, using a formal reporting tool, such as a report card. The schedule and the report card should indicate the overall level of performance of a learner.

Learner performance can be reported in a number of ways, including report cards, parents' meetings, school visitation days, parent-teacher conferences, phone calls, letters, class or school newsletters, etc.

Good record keeping is essential in all assessment, particularly in continuous assessment. A record book or file must be kept up to date for each teacher. It should contain:

learners' names;

dates of assessment;

name and description of the assessment activity;

the results of assessment activities, according to topics;

comments for support purposes.