

Class Eight | Learning Journey & Curriculum Map

Class Eight | Child Development

Class 8 is the culmination of the 'Class Teacher years' and in the subjects and topics that are taught, there is a kind of completion, on one level, of a survey of the world that began in Class 1. In their fourteenth year, the children/students have learned enough about the world to be able to orientate themselves in it - to begin to think about their place in it - even to live independently, if necessary. They understand, at a basic level, how things work; they are thinking about the future.

Class Eight | Sports & Movement

Active Learning Intention	Active Teaching Implementation	Active Environments Impact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Throws a basketball in a hoop ● Runs whilst bouncing basketballs ● Completes the big ball tricks programme ● Throws a volleyball over a volleyball net ● Throws a dodgeball at a stationary target 		

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Handcraft: Class 8 learn to use the sewing machine and make simple items of clothing such as aprons, simple skirts and trousers. Projects can be more or less complex depending on skill and ability. Sometimes students 'mass produce' items like crayon rolls and desk tidies to be sold for fundraising. The students are introduced to iron forging. They make coat hooks or pokers. Basketry is also done at this stage.

Eurythmy: Children work towards being able to work semi-independently with the basic Eurythmical elements in both speech and music Eurythmy. They contribute to a group form and work towards a short performance, with age appropriate geometrical transition forms as indicated by Rudolf Steiner being mastered and performed. Spacial and social awareness are raised.

Sports: By the time the pupils reach Class 8, they encounter the full weight of their physical bodies. They feel both burdened by the new weight of theirs bodies as well as energised by the new physical strength. They need opportunities to explore and feel this new combination of weight and strength. Outdoor pursuits are encouraged at this age.