

RE SMSC CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES

The Bigger Picture



Lessons follow a narrative and a part of a coherent map. Students build schemas in their long-term memory to help retention.

Knowledge Rich



Acquiring fundamental knowledge and being able to quickly access relevant information from memory are prerequisites for deeper learning and reasoning.

Retrieval



The act of retrieving information and thinking hard strengthens recall of information in long term memory and helps retention.

Deliberate Practice



Regular opportunities to practice key skills and recall knowledge helps to develop expertise. Over practice helps to build accuracy and fluency.

Oracy



Vocabulary rich lessons stretch all students and develop confident speakers.

Reading



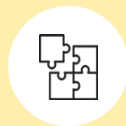
Fluent readers can understand layers of meaning and build layers of knowledge. Read more and know more.

Stories



Stories are a powerful tool to engage students in learning. Impact on brain aids acquisition and retention of information.

Enrichment



Varied experiences enrich lives, engage imaginations, stretch skills and allow students to think creatively and independently.

Feedback and Assessment



Concise, prompt and tailored feedback helps students take appropriate next steps. Regular opportunities to revise and apply what has been learned.