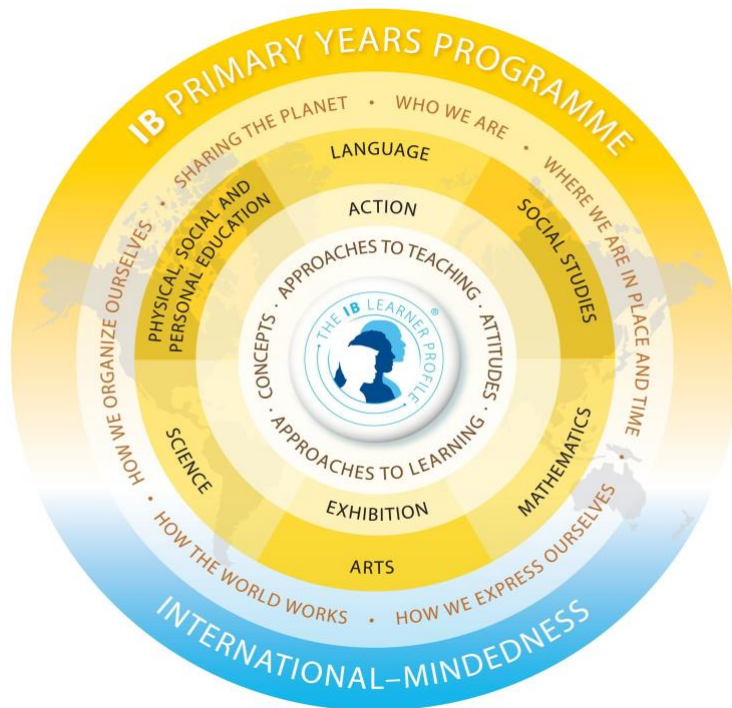


# Grade 2

## CURRICULUM GUIDE





As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, we at Bonn International School are committed to the Primary Years Programme (PYP). This is the IB programme designed for students aged 3–12 years. At BIS, students are in the PYP from Early Learning until Grade 5. The PYP is the best preparation for the IB programmes that follow, the Middle Years Programme (MYP) in Grades 6 - 10 and the Diploma Programme (DP) in Grades 11 and 12.

The PYP is an international curriculum framework, based on best practice and research from around the world. The programme focuses on the development of the whole child, both in the classroom and in the world outside. We challenge students to excel in their learning and in their personal growth, and we aim to inspire in them a quest for learning throughout life.

**Learning in the PYP is:**

*Inquiry-based:* We believe children learn best through structured, purposeful inquiry. Students are expected to play an active role in, and take responsibility for, their own learning. Students are encouraged to ask questions, investigate and find ways to answer these questions, and to sustain this enjoyment of learning throughout life.

*Collaborative:* Learning is a social endeavour, and there is great emphasis on sharing, group work and collaboration at our school. Students learn to communicate well, to encourage each other, and to develop an open mind so they can learn from each other.

*Differentiated:* The learner is at the heart of our curriculum framework. Children come to school with a range of experiences, backgrounds and prior knowledge. Teachers in the PYP aim to design learning to suit children at all different levels of competence or experience, providing support for those who need it, and extensions for those who need more challenge.

*Concept-driven:* Students spend their time at school exploring and learning about important concepts that have relevance in their own lives, and that they can transfer to other contexts. Our aim is to develop students' understanding of big ideas, not just their knowledge or skills.

### **The Learner Profile Attributes**

International mindedness is defined by the IB in the attributes of the Learner Profile. The PYP curriculum design supports students in developing these attributes, which are actively modeled by all members of our learning community. The Learner Profile attributes help develop internationally minded people. We want our learners to become:

#### **Inquirers:**

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

#### **Knowledgeable:**

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

#### **Thinkers:**

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

#### **Communicators:**

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many forms. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

#### **Principled:**

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

Open-minded:

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

Caring:

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

Risk-Takers:

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

Balanced:

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives — intellectual, physical, and emotional — to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

Reflective:

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

## **Concepts**

Our aim is for students to develop an understanding of big concepts, to explore these concepts in different ways, and to be able to apply their understanding of these concepts to new and unfamiliar situations. Our Units of Inquiry are organized in such a way that they offer opportunities for students to explore the **PYP key concepts** multiple times and in lots of ways throughout the PYP. These key concepts are:

Form (what is it like?)

Function (how does it work?)

Change (how is it changing?)

Connection (how is it connected to other things?)

Causation (why is it like it is?)

Responsibility (what is our responsibility?)

Perspective (what are the points of view?)

## **Approaches to Learning**

Students develop a range of transdisciplinary skills throughout the PYP. These skills are divided into the following sets of skills:

*Communication skills*

*Social skills*

*Self-management skills*

*Research skills*

*Thinking skills*

## **Action**

We believe that real learning will lead to some action or some change in attitude or thinking. Once something is learned and fully understood, it will lead to action of some kind. Student action in the PYP can be big or small, happen at school or at home, and will develop over time. Examples of student action might be: including more people on the playground, choosing healthy foods, trying a new activity, turning off the lights when leaving a room, and lots more.

## The Programme of Inquiry in Grade 2

Each school year, BIS students explore six different ‘Units of Inquiry’. Each unit of inquiry lasts for approximately 6 weeks. The units are designed to be relevant, significant, engaging and challenging, as well as developmentally appropriate. Our units provide the context for much of the learning in Language and Mathematics, as well as all content within Science and Social Studies. Units of Inquiry are transdisciplinary and, where appropriate and authentic, connections are also made between the units and the single subjects Music, Visual Arts, German and PE.

### Grade 2 Units of Inquiry

| <p><b><i>Who we are</i></b></p> <p>An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.</p>  | <p><b><i>Where we are in place and time</i></b></p> <p>An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.</p>  | <p><b><i>How we express ourselves</i></b></p> <p>An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.</p>   |
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| <p><b>Central idea</b><br/>Understanding who we are as individuals and as a community empowers us to grow as learners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How our passions inspire our learning and how we learn</li> <li>● How we persevere through challenges</li> <li>● Building trust to have a collaborative community</li> </ul> | <p><b>Central idea</b><br/>Evidence of past civilizations can be used to make connections between the past and the present.</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ways we can find out about the past</li> <li>● Characteristics of past civilizations in the local area</li> <li>● Connections between the past and the present</li> </ul> | <p><b>Central idea</b><br/>People use visual codes to communicate locally and globally.</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Signs and symbols in visual communication</li> <li>● How visual codes help us communicate</li> <li>● Visual elements of effective signs and symbols</li> </ul> |

| <b><i>How the world works</i></b>   | <b><i>How we organize ourselves</i></b>   | <b><i>Sharing the planet</i></b>  |
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| <p>An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.</p> <p><b>Central idea</b><br/>People use their understanding of motion and mechanics to invent and create.</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion and Forces</li> <li>● Simple Mechanics</li> <li>● Compound Machines</li> <li>● Important and creative inventions</li> </ul> | <p>An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.</p> <p><b>Central idea</b><br/>Communities are organized based on the needs and wants of people.</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Services and structures to meet people’s needs and wants in a community</li> <li>● How communities are and organized</li> <li>● How people choose where to live</li> </ul> | <p>An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.</p> <p><b>Central idea</b><br/>People can make a difference to the environment through various forms of action.</p> <p><b>Lines of Inquiry:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Current environmental issues</li> <li>● Young activists and their causes</li> <li>● Local organizations and clubs</li> </ul> |

## Languages

### Language

English is our shared language of instruction and communication. In a PYP school the focus is not just on learning language in isolation, but also on the application of language skills across the subject areas and throughout the Programme of Inquiry. Some language is taught as ‘stand-alone’, while other aspects of language are taught in the context of our Units of Inquiry. We believe students learn best when they have opportunities to learn within meaningful contexts, and when the teaching is in response to students’ needs, interests and previous experiences. Students at BIS come from a wide range of language and cultural backgrounds, which we view as a major asset to our learning community.

In a PYP language classroom:

- Students and teachers enjoy using language, and appreciate language diversity
- All students feel supported in taking risks in language learning

- There are close connections with the Media Centre, other classrooms and single subject teachers
- Students connect to the broader world through technology
- Students have many opportunities to engage with high-quality literature

Students develop skills in the following strands of language learning:

- Written Language: Reading and Writing
- Oral Language: Listening and Speaking

Our English programme encompasses a readers’ and writers’ workshop model, as well as offering opportunities to develop speaking and listening skills within an integrated programme.

Students develop skills and understandings across the four areas of language learning.

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| Reading                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different types of texts serve different purposes</li> <li>• Checking, rereading and correcting our own reading as we go enable us to read new texts</li> <li>• Wondering about texts and asking questions helps us to understand the main ideas in texts</li> <li>• The structure and organization of written language in text forms influences and conveys meaning</li> <li>• Our prior knowledge and background experiences enable us to understand what we read</li> </ul>                               |
| Writing                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We write in different ways for different purposes</li> <li>• The structure of different types of texts includes identifiable features</li> <li>• Applying a range of strategies helps us to express ourselves so that others can enjoy our writing</li> <li>• Thinking about book characters and people in real life helps us to develop characters in our own stories</li> <li>• When writing, the words we choose and how we choose to use them enable us to share our imaginings and our ideas</li> </ul> |
| Speaking and Listening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spoken language varies according to the purpose and audience</li> <li>• People interpret messages according to their unique experiences and ways of understanding</li> <li>• Spoken communication is different from written communication - it has its own set of rules</li> </ul>   |

*Readers and Writers Workshop:*

We work with the Readers and Writers Workshop model, based on the resources developed by the Columbia University Teacher’s College Reading and Writing Project. The workshop model consists of several components each day, allowing for teachers to teach specific skills and for students to have lots of time to practice and apply the skills taught. The workshop model also allows teachers to support and challenge all students, no matter their level of competence. Each year, we teach four Writing Units of Study and four Reading Units of Study.



### Writing Units of Study in Grade 2:

- Launching Writers' Workshop and routines
- 'Small Moments' - writing personal narratives
- Authors as Mentors (Narrative/fiction)
- 'Lab Reports and Science Books' - information writing
- 'Writing about Reading ' - developing reading responses, opinion writing
- 'Poetry'

### Reading Units of Study in Grade 2:

- 'Launching Readers' Workshop' – Workshop and routines
- 'Reading Growth Spurt' - developing fluency
- 'Becoming Experts' - reading non-fiction
- 'Bigger Books mean amping up Reading Power' - keeping track of longer books, extending fluency and comprehension
- 'Book Clubs' - reading and discussing thinking on books in small groups

### Handwriting, Phonics and Spelling:

We work with the phonics programme 'Letters and Sounds' to help children develop their phonetic awareness and the spelling programme 'Read Write Inc.'. Students in Grade 2 also develop a fluent and legible handwriting script and this is linked to their spelling programme.

### German

All students at BIS study the German Language. Students enter either the [German Language and Literature](#) (for students who speak German at a native language level) or the [German Language Acquisition](#) (for students learning German as an additional language). German Language Acquisition is further divided into three phases of language acquisition. Students are carefully assessed and monitored to ensure accurate grouping of students. Students of all classes within the grade level have German at the same time, as we have three different groups with three German teachers. Aspects of German culture are explored through our host country celebrations such as St. Martin in November and Carnival in February. Students in the German programme also learn other aspects about Germany within some topics/Units of Inquiry in their language programme.

## Mathematics

We believe that students learn best through purposeful, structured inquiry. The aim of our Mathematics Programme is to develop students into confident mathematical thinkers, with a sound knowledge of number and the creativity to apply this knowledge to solve problems in many ways. Our main resource for teaching Mathematics is the New Zealand Numeracy Framework. This framework involves a clear outline of progression in number knowledge and strategies, as well as rigorous assessment tools for tracking students' development. Mathematics lessons are usually differentiated, with students working on a variety of tasks in various different flexible groupings, in order to challenge and support all students, regardless of their level of competency or experience. For more information on the NZ Numeracy Framework, you can go to <http://nzmaths.co.nz/families>. Please note that Grade 2 at BIS is the equivalent of Year 3 in New Zealand.

The different strands of Mathematics are:

- Number (addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, proportion and ratios)
- Geometry and Measurement
- Statistics and Probability

In Grade 2, students work within the number strand for about 70/80% of the Mathematics teaching time. Students in Grades 2 and 3 typically work through Stage 5 of the Numeracy Framework, though of course some students may work in a higher or lower stage. The expectation is that students have mastered all outcomes within Stage 5 at the end of Grade 3. The strategies and knowledge in this phase will take about two years to develop completely, and some aspects might be consolidated earlier or later than other aspects.

Specific outcomes in Stage 5 are:

### Number Knowledge

- Identify numbers on the range 0-1000
- Say the forwards and backwards number word sequence by ones, tens and hundreds in the range 0-1000
- Order the numbers in the range 0-1000
- Recall doubles to 20
- Recall addition and subtraction facts to 20
- Recall groupings within 100
- Recall the number of tens and hundreds in 100s and 1000s
- Round three digit whole numbers to the nearest 10, or 100
- Identify the symbols for halves, quarters, thirds, fifths and tenths
- Order fractions with the same denominator
- Know the number 1, 10, 100 before and after a given number in the range 0-1000

### Number Strategies

- Solve addition and subtraction problems by using doubles
- Solve addition problems by using compatible numbers
- Solve addition and subtraction problems by going through tens
- Solve addition and subtraction problems by using place value partitioning
- Solve addition and subtraction problems by compensating with tidy numbers
- Solve multiplication problems by using repeated addition
- Solve 5 times tables by doubling and halving
- Find unit fractions of sets
- Find unit fractions of regions
- Solve division problems by sharing

#### Geometry in Grade 2

- Explore and describe faces, edges and corners of 2D and 3D object
- Make, name and describe polygons and other plane shapes
- Explain in their own language what line symmetry is
- Describe the process of making shapes with line symmetry
- Name common 2D mathematical shapes
- Give and follow directions using left, right, up, down, North, South, East and West
- Draw and follow a path on a grid to show a route followed
- Label and follow legends on a map

#### Measurement in Grade 2

- Recognize the need for a standard unit of length
- Recognize a centimetre and a metre length
- Estimate and measure to the nearest metre and the nearest centimetre
- Demonstrate a personal benchmark for 1 metre and  $\frac{1}{2}$  metre
- Make sensible estimates about the lengths of given objects
- Recognize the length of a minute and of a second
- Tell time to the hour and half hour on digital and analogue clocks
- Solve time problems involving hours and half hours
- Estimate the time taken for daily activities in hours and minutes
- Tell time after the hour by counting minutes

#### Statistics and Probability in Grade 2

- Make a statement about a data display
- Decide if they agree or disagree with a statement about the data display

## **Personal, Social and Physical Education (PSPE)**

### Personal and Social Education

The development of a student's well-being is addressed through all areas of the PYP curriculum. Therefore students' social, personal and emotional development is the shared responsibility of all teachers at BIS. Children are given guidance to help develop positive attitudes and behaviours in order to meet challenges, make healthy lifestyle choices, and become successful learners.

### Physical Education

Physical Education at BIS is about more than just student participation in sports and games. Its purpose is to develop a combination of transferable skills promoting physical, intellectual, emotional and social development. During the PYP, we endeavor to provide meaningful opportunities for learning about movement and through movement in a range of contexts.

Students in Grade 2 have PE lessons in the Sports Hall two periods per week. Depending on the time of year, some lessons take place outside on our fields.

PE units in Grade 2 include:

- Invasion Games
- Games from different cultures
- Parkour and Gymnastics
- Movement to Music
- Track and Field
- Adventure challenge – Team Building

## **The Arts**

Learning about and through the Arts is fundamental to the development of the whole child. It promotes creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving skills and social interactions. Through our Arts Programme, students develop attitudes such as appreciation, empathy and Learner Profile attributes such as being a communicator and a risk-taker.

Grade 2 students have three periods of Visual Arts and three periods of Music over a ten-day cycle. Lessons take place in the Primary Art Room and the Primary Music Room in the Agora building.

Visual Art units in Grade 2 include:

- Self-portraits
- Printmaking
- Principles of Perspective
- Ancient Wall Murals and Pottery

Music units in Grade 2 include:

- Learning to play the ukulele
- Singing
- Music Appreciation: World Music
- Musical elements - Rhythm

### **Seesaw**

Students are involved in learning how to assess, and reflect on, their own work. Seesaw is an online assessment, journal and portfolio tool. Seesaw is used to record student progress, to plan for their next steps in learning and to document the learning journey. Parents log on to see and respond to examples of their children's learning.

### **Assessment and Reporting**

In the PYP, assessment is integral to all teaching and learning. We use assessment data to inform our planning. This enables us to differentiate our programme so that each student is included, engaged and challenged at their own level.

Teachers use a range of assessment strategies and tools for formative (assessment FOR learning) and summative (assessment OF learning) assessments.

We also use a range of standardized assessment tools to keep track of children's progress, in Grade 2 these include:

- Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) - administered at least twice a year to give an indication of reading level
- Spelling/Phonics assessments linked to our programmes
- GloSS (Global Strategy Stage) Mathematics Assessment - administered at least twice a year to track student progress through the New Zealand Numeracy Framework

### **Annual Reporting Cycle**

There are several opportunities each year for parents to be informed about their child's progress at school. In addition to the scheduled conferences, parents are encouraged to engage in open conversations with their child's teachers throughout the year, and can make appointments to speak with the teachers whenever they wish. Teachers may also request additional meetings with parents if needed. Parents are also kept up to date through regular posts on the digital portfolios, Seesaw and Tapestry.

Scheduled reporting times are:

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| September | Students in Grade One - Grade Five will participate in a three-way meeting with the teacher and parent to establish learning goals for the year. |
| January   | Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled where you can discuss the progress your child is making.  |
| March     | Parents are invited in for a student-led conference whereby each student will talk through their learning progress with their parents.           |
| June      | At the end of the year, parents receive a formal written report for the academic year.   |

### **Student Support**

BIS has a range of ways to support our students. We believe that sound relationships between teachers, support staff and students, as well as between students, are vital to ensure a good learning environment. Our aim is for all our students to feel safe, to feel accepted, to feel included and to feel cared about. We have a Primary School Counselor, who works with those students who need additional emotional or social support. She also works with whole classes on issues that might impact all children, such as bullying or safety issues.

Our Learning Support Department empowers students with learning differences to become confident, independent students who can self-advocate and find their own path to success. Our Learning Support Programme is designed for students with mild to moderate learning difficulties. The LS teachers work in collaboration with homeroom teachers and parents to ensure that these students can make progress and show academic growth.