

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS





Understanding Foundational Skills

Foundational skills are key abilities for learning.

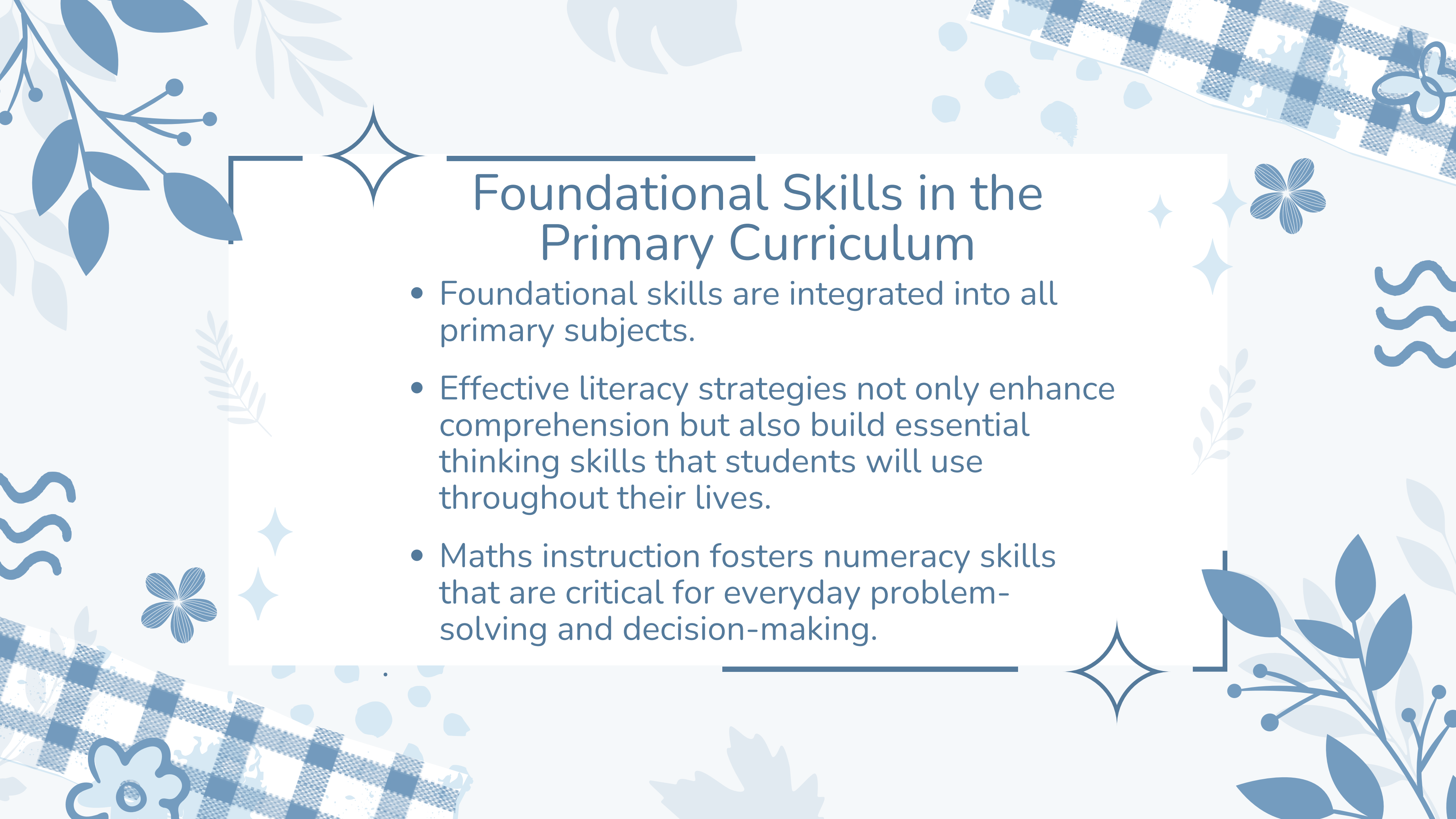
They include literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking.

Recognising their importance helps create a strong learning environment.

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Importance

- Vital for success in life.
- Support critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills.
- Help close achievement gaps and promotes equality.



Foundational Skills in the Primary Curriculum

- Foundational skills are integrated into all primary subjects.
- Effective literacy strategies not only enhance comprehension but also build essential thinking skills that students will use throughout their lives.
- Maths instruction fosters numeracy skills that are critical for everyday problem-solving and decision-making.

Handwriting

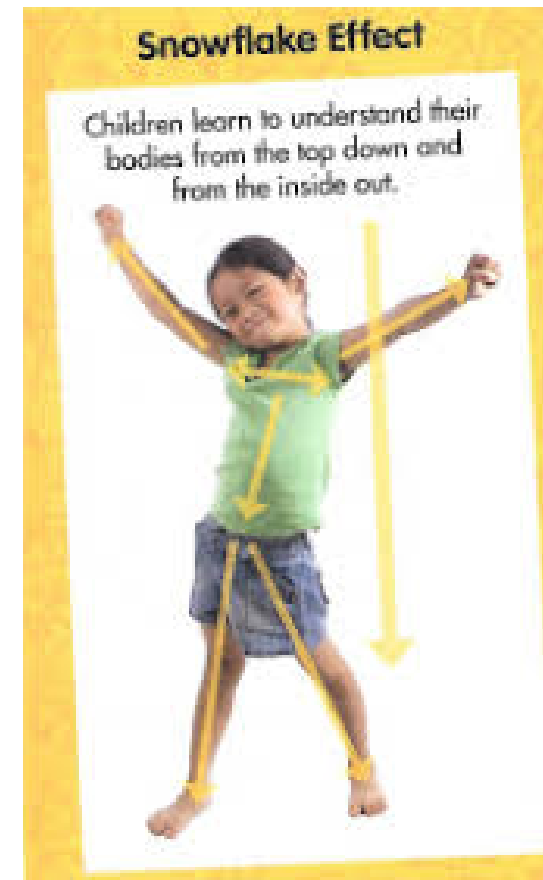
Ready to write?

Development is top down

Control is centre out

and

Stability comes first



Handwriting

Think...

Shoulder stability is the base

Elbow control is the pivot

Wrist and finger control is the engine

Must be taught as a discrete focus





What Next?

New whole school handwriting package

Letter-join

What does Letter-join offer?

- Prescriptive lesson plans with **a** worksheet per lesson.
- Easy to navigate website.
- Handwriting recovery programme (23 sessions) for KS2.
- Scaffolding opportunities on assistive technology.
- Pupil logins for homework/intervention/scaffolds.
- Lessons practice some spelling skills and grammar/punctuation.

Show and tell :)

Pupil Login:

Tablet login

Username: ej39516

Swipe code: A capital 'L' shape starting at top left.

PC login

Username: ej39516

Account Password: home



Our fonts

1.



Info

2.

Classroom Options

Reception + Year 1 -
Letter-join Print Plus

Letter-join Print Plus

bright sun

Printed font

[Select >](#)

Letter-join No-lead

bright sun

Lead-in lines disabled, joined font

Selected

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 + 6 -
Letter-join No-lead

Why good handwriting is important...

Interventions

As well as the handwriting recovery programme from Letter-join:

- KS1-style Handwriting intervention (currently run in Year 2)
- KS2-style handwriting intervention (currently in Year 4)
- We still use bubble writing for children if it helps!

Why handwriting should not be forgotten even though typing is becoming more popular...

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Does anyone
have questions?



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YOU