

To: Parents and teachers of Grade 4 - 6 learners

**Topic: Rebooting learning – Teaching English across the curriculum**

**Message Objectives:**

- Strengthen English as a subject and as Language of Learning and Teaching
- Enhance learner competence in the Language of Learning and Teaching

**Message:**

English Across the Curriculum (**EAC**) is a strategy for integrating the teaching of content subjects with language learning. The purpose of this strategy is to assist learners who face learning barriers because of having to learn content subjects in English, a language that is not their mother tongue. This strategy will help improve learners' language proficiency and understanding of academic content. The strategy emphasises language skills such as **Listening and Speaking, Reading and Viewing and Writing and Presenting** which are essential tools for the learning process as the learners move across the curriculum.

**English teachers**

- Introduce and teach the language skills, reinforcing them from time to time in English lessons.
- Teach grammatical structures and vocabulary builders to improve language proficiency and the acquisition of academic language.
- use texts from content subjects as much as possible to enhance the acquisition of subject content.

**Content subjects' teachers**

- Address applicable language aspects to enhance learning.
- Model the language of their subject.
- Teach language skills or introduce related skills/concepts in their lesson, integrating language and content.

**BENEFITS OF ENGLISH ACROSS THE CURRICULUM**

- It helps learners to get understanding of different technical terms related to subject specific concepts.
- It helps learners to improve their linguistic skills by linking them with content knowledge.
- It enables learners to discuss subject concepts more effectively through language teaching.
- It ensures holistic development of learners as they can understand the importance of language and subject learning and importance of technical vocabulary to improve linguistic skills.

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N.B An online learning and development opportunity for teachers: Comprehension Across The Curriculum (CATC) [www.lms.nect.org.za](http://www.lms.nect.org.za)

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