



Course Outline

Kindergarten

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Course Outline & Scope and Sequence

This is a summary of our course for Kindergarten (Foundation Year). Typically, a child in Kindergarten is around 5 or 6. Kindergarteners are generally keen and excited to start their formal learning and this year sees them achieve a number of learning milestones.

Philosophy

Charlotte Mason's literature rich approach to home education is our foundational philosophy and method. However, we have also introduced a range of eclectic teaching ideas and resources that reflect a modern approach to the Australian Curriculum.

An atmosphere of learning is encouraged in the home with natural learning opportunities harnessed. Delight directed learning is supported with children having the freedom to explore desired areas of interest.

Parent Teaching

Learning how to be a home educator is an important part of home education so we provide a free training course – How to Homeschool 101 with subscription to My Homeschool. This includes lessons on the implementation of Charlotte Mason's ideas, natural learning, assessment and socialisation.

Assessment and Record Keeping

A 36 week schedule is provided which has been split into 4 terms. 8 weeks are set topics and the 9th week is an assessment and review week that often includes a project.

Each week has its own checklist available online or as a downloadable PDF.

Registration is made simple with our Yearly Planning Template and detailed scope and sequence. We also provide certificates and portfolio prompts that will make documentation and continued registration a cinch.

At the end of each term there is a downloadable report of work achieved over the term. Parents add comments and assessments of their child's progress in each area of learning.

There are no formal tests in Kindergarten.

English

Reading aloud from living books is a large component of our English program and we've recommend some great classics for you to read this year.

- Our *Literature Feast unit studies* include some spectacular picture books that will teach different aspects about science, history, geography, nature and art – all without a textbook!
- Poetry choices feature A.A. Milne and R.L. Stevenson.
- Dolch/Sight word lists are provided.
- Copywork and handwriting practice focuses on correct formation of numerals and the alphabet.
- Comprehension lessons are done using narration and conversation. Children are encouraged to explain what they are seeing as a pre-writing skill.

A learning to read program is not provided but we recommend this inexpensive book:

- *Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons* (other suggestions are given if you prefer a different program).

All these resources used together will be developing their reading skills but progress is very individual.

Math

We give you lots of ideas on how to make your math program play based and practical. My Homeschool has been developed to give you flexibility and choice when it comes to choosing a maths program that suits your family best.

We don't provide math worksheets but we do give suggestions for textbooks and online resources.

History and Geography

While a chronological approach to history is taught from Year 2, kindergarteners will explore more about their own family history. Geography is taught through living books and focuses on places of wonder.

Science & Nature

We study biology this year, focusing on Australian animals and how plants grow. We also look at the lives of three scientists. Relevant information is provided through our resources and websites.

Four themes for Nature Study are offered, including insects, the Australian bush, our skies and rivers.

Creative Arts

Creative and Practical Arts are taught with other subjects including: nature journaling, literature based unit studies, picture study and music appreciation.

Dramatic presentations are practiced during poetry recital and acting out stories.

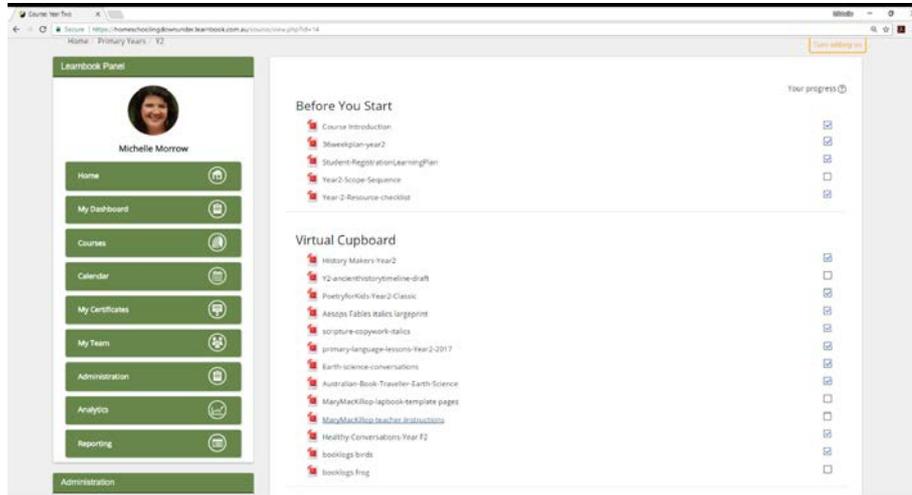
Personal Health & Development

This commonsense subject is taught through the activities of daily living and participation in local sports and community events. Healthy Conversations checklists are provided for each stage of the syllabus so you can teach respectful relationships and personal growth as you deem appropriate.

Note: We have not included a structured devotion time into this course. If this is your practice we encourage you to do so and count it as part of your child's personal development.

What's Included

These are provided in an electronic file format and found in the resource section of your course.



- Kindergarten Course Introduction
- Kindergarten Guide: 36 weeks of lesson plans
- Registration Pack: Yearly plan with scope and sequence
- Teaching Handwriting the Charlotte Mason Way
- Nature Journaling with Kids
- Blinky Bill Alphabet and Numbers Copywork
- Poetry selections for the year (free online)
- Australian Animals Mini Books
- A Literature Feast: Plants and Gardens
- A Literature Feast: Scientists
- A Literature Feast: Places of Wonder
- A Literature Feast: All About Me
- Nature Study in Kindergarten
- Foundation Maths – Practical Math Ideas
- Healthy Conversations Foundation to Year 2
- Book Log: Birds or Frogs
- Thirds handwriting page

Additional Books and Resources

These items are not provided but are needed for the course. It is estimated these will cost approximately \$200.

- Own choice math curriculum
- [Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons](#) or another reading program of your own choice reading program
- [Owen and the Mountain by Malachy Doyle](#)
- [Dumpling Soup by Jama Kim Rattigan](#)
- [My Farm by Alison Lester](#) (stocked by many libraries)
- [Starry Messenger by Peter Sis](#)
- [Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas by Cheryl Bardoe](#)
- [Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle by Claire A Nivoli](#)
- [Perfect by Danny Parker](#)
- [Time of Wonder by Robert McCloskey](#)
- [North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration by Nick Dowson](#)
- [How Does My Garden Grow by Gerda Muller](#)
- [Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney](#)
- [Eddie's Garden and How to Make Things Grow by Sarah Garland](#)
- Stationary supplies.

Sample from Week Three

Family Time and Read Alouds

- ❖ Own Choice scripture and family devotional
- ❖ Read picture books: [The Tale of Benjamin Bunny](#) (OLV)
- ❖ Own Choice Novel
- ❖ Poetry: [Marching Song](#) (OLV)
- ❖ Composer Study (AM)
- ❖ Picture Study Rotation (AM)

On Your Own Subjects

- ❖ Own choice Reading curriculum (\$)
- ❖ Handwriting: Blinky Bill Alphabet and Numbers Copywork: the letter i (EBK)
- ❖ Own Choice Math Curriculum (\$)

Notebooking Activities

- ❖ All About Me: Our Family Tree
- ❖ Australian Animals Mini Books: Blue Tongued Lizard
- ❖ Nature Study: Silverfish

Enrichment Activities

- ❖ Classic read aloud
- ❖ Free reading / library visit
- ❖ Nature walk
- ❖ Sports activity
- ❖ Music lesson practice
- ❖ Listen to term composer
- ❖ Handicrafts
- ❖ All About Me extension activities
- ❖ Nature Study reading

Additional Notes

Sample from Week Nine: Assessment and Review

- ❖ Collect samples of work for portfolio. (For Queensland students follow the HEU guidelines. Look for a sample of writing, mathematics and a page from their All About Me work).
- ❖ Catch up on any unfinished work.
- ❖ Look over child's work and write an assessment of their progress—refer to each subject and record any extra curricula activities that you did this term. Place term assessment in portfolio.
- ❖ Print off term report from My Homeschool and place in portfolio.
- ❖ Record child's own reading in book log.
- ❖ Look through *Healthy Conversations* checklist to see if you can check off any topics.
- ❖ Check you have all the books needed* and complementary for next term:
 - ✓ **Perfect* by Danny Parker
 - ✓ **Time of Wonder* by Robert McCloskey
 - ✓ **North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration* by Nick Dowson

Complementary

- ✓ *Clouds* by Anne Rockwell
 - ✓ *Children of the Northlights* by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire
 - ✓ *Immi* by Karin Littlewood
 - ✓ *Very First Last Time* by Jan Andrews
 - ✓ *Circle* by Jeannie Baker
 - ✓ *One Morning in Maine* by Robert McCloskey
 - ✓ *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
 - ✓ *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey
 - ✓ *You and Me, Murrawee* by Kerri Hashmi
 - ✓ *Hello from Nowhere* by Raewyn Caisley
 - ✓ *Magic Beach* by Alison Lester
- ❖ Select a few books for child's own reading Term 2.

Sample from Week Twenty Eight

Family Time and Read Alouds

- ❖ Own Choice scripture and family devotional
- ❖ Read picture books: [How Does My Garden Grow](#) and [Eddie's Garden and How to Make Things Grow](#) (\$)
- ❖ Own Choice Novel
- ❖ Poetry: Now We Are Six (\$) – In The Dark
- ❖ Composer Study (AM)
- ❖ Picture Study Rotation (AM)

On Your Own Subjects

- ❖ Own choice Reading curriculum (\$)
- ❖ Handwriting: Blinky Bill Alphabet and Numbers Copywork: the letter g (EBK)
- ❖ Own Choice Math Curriculum (\$)

Notebooking Activities

- ❖ A Literature Feast: Plants and Gardens – Lesson 1
- ❖ Nature Study: Frog spawn, tadpoles and frogs

Enrichment Activities

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| ❖ Classic read aloud | ❖ Listen to term composer |
| ❖ Free reading / library visit | ❖ Handicrafts |
| ❖ Nature walk | ❖ A Literature Feast: Plants and Gardens optional extension activities |
| ❖ Sports activity | |
| ❖ Music lesson practice | |

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