

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE UPPER PRIMARY P4-P6

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#### FOREWORD

The Rwanda Education Board is honoured to provide syllabuses which serve as official documents and guide to competency based teaching and learning in order to ensure consistency and coherence in the delivery of quality education across all levels of general education in Rwandan schools.

The Rwandan education philosophy is to ensure that young people at every level of education achieve their full potential in terms of relevant knowledge, skills and appropriate attitudes that prepare them to be well integrated into society and make the best use of employment opportunities.

In line with efforts to improve the quality of education, the government of Rwanda emphasises the importance of aligning the syllabus, teaching and learning and assessment approaches in order to ensure that the system is producing the kind of citizens the country needs. Many factors influence what children are taught, how well they learn and the competencies they acquire, among them the relevance of the syllabus, the quality of teachers' pedagogical approaches, the assessment strategies and the instructional materials available. The ambition to develop a knowledge based society and the growth of regional and global competition in the jobs market has necessitated the shift to a competence-based syllabus. With the help of the teachers, whose role is central to the success of the syllabus, learners will gain appropriate skills and be able to apply what they have learned in real life situations. Hence they will make a difference not only to their own lives but also to the success of the nation.

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

#### 1.1. Background to the syllabus review

Vision 2020 and other recent Rwandan Government policies emphasise the ambition of Rwanda becoming a knowledge based and technology led economy. These policies stress the need for the generation, dissemination and acquisition of scientific skills and technological innovations, critical thinking, and positive values. The integration of these skills into the social and economic development of Rwanda is critical. English is one of the official languages and medium of instruction in schools. It plays an important role in the achievement of this vision.

#### 1.2. Rationale

Since Rwanda is an English speaking country and a member of the East African Community and the Commonwealth the teaching of English requires a competence based curriculum. The curriculum of any country acts as its guiding light. The basis of this English curriculum review is the need for Rwanda to shift towards a competence based curriculum that focuses on developing the wholeness of the learner. This wholeness will not only be achieved by providing knowledge and skills, but also through cultivating and inspiring certain attitudes as well as creating occasions and activities during the teaching learning process that would enable learners to think critically. This will allow learners to be able to compete favourably and fit into East Africa and the wider global community. This global outlook has underpinned the adoption and use of English as the language of instruction in Rwandan schools. One of the most important elements of this curriculum review was to organise and provide content and activities that would lead to a higher 'learning achievement'.

Therefore, well thought through learning activities and questions have been designed in the syllabus. This will challenge students to think independently as well as in groups. It is not just about the knowledge of language [the four skill areas] but how learners can work in English to reason, express themselves and solve problems in a wide range of situations.

#### 1.2.1 English and society

Communication sits at the very base of every development trend in any country and this is particularly true for Rwanda. Learning English will not only enable learners to pass their exams but will also place them in a better position once they have finished school to transact business with ease, and exploit opportunities at local and international levels, particularly where the knowledge of English is a key prerequisite. For this reason, English will be taught as a subject from nursery through to university, and it will be fully used as the language of instruction from Primary four onwards. Students at lower primary level will be hopefully building on the solid language foundation they should have acquired from pre-primary up to this level.

As indeed before engaging English as both an official language and the language of instruction in Rwanda schools, Rwandans could not effectively relate with, transact and fully exploit business and other opportunities in East Africa, the Commonwealth and the rest of the English speaking world. With the introduction of English in Rwanda, these problems will be solved.

### 1.2.2 English and the learners

English language is crucial for learners of this level to further and achieve learning in other subjects at higher levels of education since English would be then their medium of instruction from upper primary level of education and onwards. As one of the official languages, English is also useful for learners to integrate into business and working situations in Rwanda.

As Rwanda is part of the East Africa Community and the Commonwealth, students with a mastery of the English language will be able to explore opportunities provided through these political and economic alliances and become competitive in the job market.

Finally, English has become a global language, especially in the science and technology fields. Students with higher educational goals will benefit from learning English in Rwanda so they can access education abroad.

#### 1.2.3 Competences

A competency is the ability to perform a particular task successfully, resulting from having gained an appropriate combination of knowledge, skills and attitudes. The national policy documents, based on the national aspirations, identify 'basic competences' alongside the 'generic competences' that will develop higher order thinking skills. Basic competences are addressed in the stated broad subject competences and in the objectives highlighted on a year on year basis and in each of the units of learning. The selection of types of learning activities must focus on how the learners are able to demonstrate these competences throughout and at the end of the learning process. A generic competence is a competence that is not specific to a particular subject or situation. Generic competences are transferrable and applicable to a range of subjects and situations including employment. The core competences that must be emphasised and reflected in the learning process are briefly described below and teachers will ensure that learners are exposed to tasks that help the learners acquire such skills.

Critical thinking and problem solving skills: The acquisition of these skills will help learners to think imaginatively and broadly to evaluate and find solutions to problems encountered in all situations.

Creativity and innovation: The acquisition of these skills will help learners take initiative and use imagination beyond the knowledge provided to generate new ideas and construct new concepts.

Research: This will help learners find answers to questions based on existing information and concepts, and to explain phenomena based on findings from information gathered.

Communication in official languages: Teachers, irrespective of not being teachers of language, will ensure the proper use of the language of instruction by learners which will help them to communicate clearly and confidently. It will also help them to convey ideas effectively through speaking and writing and using the correct language structure and relevant vocabulary.

Cooperation, interpersonal management and life skills: This will help the learner to cooperate with others as a team in whatever task is assigned and to practise positive ethical moral values and respect for the rights, feelings and views of others. Learners will perform practical activities related to environmental conservation and protection. They will also advocate for personal, family and community health, hygiene and nutrition and respond creatively to the variety of challenges encountered in life.

Lifelong learning: The acquisition of these skills will help learners update knowledge and skills with minimum external support and to cope with evolution of knowledge advances for personal fulfilment in areas that need improvement and development.

### **Broad English syllabus competences**

The syllabus competences listed below describe the educational purposes of a course based on this syllabus. They outline the educational context in which the syllabus content should be viewed. These competences are the same for all learners and are not listed in order of priority. Some of these competences may be delivered by the use of suitable local, international or historical examples and applications, or through collaborative experimental work.

The pupils at upper primary level should be helped to:

- Communicate information, ideas and feelings appropriately and effectively in a range of different social settings and cultural contexts.
- Listen attentively and read fluently both for information and for pleasure.
- Demonstrate an adequate command of vocabulary and language patterns in more complex texts to enable learning and communication in English in different situations.
- Listen to and understand English as it is spoken in authentic situations.

#### **English and developing competences**

These basic competences alongside the generic competences are stated in such a way that will develop higher order thinking skills which will help subject learning and the application of what has been learnt in real life situations. Through experimentation, observations and the presentation of information during the learning process, the learner develops not only deductive and inductive skills, but also communication, critical thinking and problem solving skills as they make inferences and conclusions.

## 2 PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH

Since each learner is an individual with their own needs, pace of learning, experiences and abilities, teaching strategies must be varied but flexible within well-structured sequences of lessons. However, learner centered education does not mean that the teacher no longer has responsibility for seeing that learning takes place. Teachers will find useful suggestions to implement the learner centered and interactive learning approach in the activities and methodology columns of this curriculum.

Language learning is a process. But by this time, a learner is expected to have achieved English language basics. When learners make errors, the teacher should support them accordingly, but also accept their attempts to use the language correctly.

At this stage, pupils are also encouraged and expected to progressively develop a culture of reading for both information and enjoyment.

Schools should provide a conducive environment for learners to practise their English by participating in different clubs such as debating, drama and music. This is will be of benefit as pupils learn well when they are actively involved in the learning process through a high degree of participation, contribution and production.

With improved language abilities at this level and with continued teacher to learner support, learners will read more fluently and write accurately. Teachers must bear in mind that pupils learn in different ways and at different rates.

Teachers need to provide a variety of learning experiences to support all learners. The classroom should be a safe and friendly place in which to learn and experiment with the language by:

- Ensuring constant access for pupils to the library and encouraging them to read and write within and beyond the framework of the curriculum with comprehension.
- Writing accurately for both functional and creative writing purposes.
- Integrating into other English speaking communities with sufficient command of the English language characterised by adequate competences, knowledge and attitudes.

## 2.2 Role of the teacher

The change to a competence based curriculum is about transforming learning, ensuring that it is deep, enjoyable and habit forming.

The teacher ought to shift from the traditional method of instruction to a facilitator role. This will allow learners to actively be involved in the teaching learning process.

The teacher must identify the needs of learners, the nature of the learning to be carried out, and the means to shape learning experiences through challenging level appropriate situations, in order to enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills. The role of the teacher is to organise learners in and outside the classroom and to engage them while using participatory and interactive methods throughout the learning process. Tasks can be given to individuals, pairs and groups. This ensures that learning is personalised, participative and cooperative. The teacher will design and introduce tasks to the class to perform [as in a role play] or

for immediate discussion. The role of the teacher will be to guide the learners in constructing their own knowledge and to translate that knowledge into set competences.

Learners should be taught how to use the textbooks and other resource materials in different ways, including searching for and making use of information in expressive, denotative and connotative contexts.

## 2.3 Role of the learner

The activities of the learner are indicated in each learning unit and reflect appropriate engagement in the learning process.

The teaching and learning processes should be tailored towards creating a learner friendly environment based on learners' capabilities, needs, experience and interests.

The learning activities should be organised in a way that encourages learners to construct knowledge, either individually or in groups, in an active and engaging way.

Learners work on key competences, in the form of concrete units, with specific learning outcomes broken down into knowledge, skills and attitude.

In practical lessons learners will work in groups where the availability of the apparatus will not permit working individually. They will also be encouraged to do simple project work individually.

## 2.4 Special needs education and inclusive approach

All Rwandans have the right to access education regardless of their different needs. The underpinnings of this provision would naturally hold that all citizens benefit from the same menu of educational programs. The possibility of this assumption is the focus of

special needs education. The critical issue is that we have persons/learners who are totally different in their ways of living and learning, as opposed to the majority. These differences can either be emotional, physical or sensory. Traditionally intellectual learning challenges were known as mental retardation.

These learners equally have the right to benefit from the free and compulsory basic education in the nearby ordinary/mainstream school. Therefore, the school's role is to enrol them and also set strategies to provide them with relevant education. The teacher is requested to consider each learner's needs during the teaching and learning process. Assessment strategies and conditions should also be standardised to the needs of these learners. Detailed guidance for each category of learner with special education needs is provided for in the guidance for teachers.

### **3 ASSESSMENT APPROACHES**

Assessment is the process of evaluating the teaching and learning processes through collecting and interpreting evidence of an individual learner's learning progress. It is also makes a judgment about a learner's achievements measured against defined standards. Assessment is an integral part of the teaching learning processes. In the new competence based curriculum assessment must also be competence based. As such, learners will be given a complex situation related to their everyday life and asked to try to overcome the situation by applying what they have learned.

Assessment will be organised at the following levels: School Based Assessment, District Examinations, National Assessment (LARS) and National Examinations.

#### 3.1 Types of assessment

#### 3.1.1. Formative and continuous assessment (assessment for learning)

Continuous assessment involves formal and informal methods used by schools to check whether learning is taking place. When a teacher is planning their lesson, they should establish criteria for performance and behavioural changes at the beginning of a unit. Then at the of end of every unit, the teacher should ensure that all the learners have mastered the stated key unit competences based on the criteria stated, before going to the next unit. The teacher will assess how well each learner masters both the subject and the generic competences described in the syllabus, and from this, the teacher will gain a picture of the all-round progress of the learner. The teacher will use one or a combination of the following: (a) observation (b) pen and paper (c) oral questioning.

#### 3.1.2 Summative assessment (assessment of learning)

When assessment is used to record a judgment of a competence or the performance of the learner, it serves a summative purpose. Summative assessment provides a picture of a learner's competence or progress at any specific moment. The main purpose of summative assessment is to evaluate whether learning objectives have been achieved. The results of the assessment is used for the ranking or grading of learners, for deciding on progression, for selection into the next level of education, and for certification. This assessment should have an integrative aspect whereby a student must be able to show mastery of all competences.

Assessment can be internal school based or external in the form of national examinations. School based summative assessment should take place once at the end of each term and once at the end of the year. School summative assessment average scores for each subject will be weighted and included in the final national examinations grade. School based assessment average grades will contribute a certain percentage as teachers gain more experience and confidence in assessment techniques. In the third year of the implementation of the new curriculum it will contribute 10% of the final grade, but will be progressively increased. Districts will be supported to continue their initiatives to organise a common test per class for all the schools in the district and to evaluate the

performance and the achievement level of learners in each individual school. External summative assessment will be done at the end of P6, S3 and S6 respectively.

#### 3.2 Record keeping

This is gathering facts and evidence from assessment instruments and using them to judge the learner's performance by assigning an indicator against the set criteria or standard. Whatever the assessment procedures that are used they shall generate data in the form of scores which will be carefully recorded and stored in a portfolio. These scores will be used for remedial action, for alternative instructional strategy, for feedback to the learner and to their parents to check the learning progress and to advice accordingly, or for the final assessment of the learners.

This portfolio is a folder (or binder or even a digital collection) containing the learner's work as well as the learner's evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of their work. Portfolios reflect not only work produced (such as papers and assignments), but are also a record of the activities undertaken over time as part of student learning. They also serve as a verification tool for each learner that they attended the whole learning before they undergo the summative assessment for the subject. The results from the portfolio will contribute 50% of summative assessment for each year.

### 3.3 Item writing in summative assessment

Before developing a question paper, a plan or specification of what is to be tested or examined must be developed. This plan should show the units or topics to be tested on, the number of questions in each level of Bloom's taxonomy and the marks allocation for each question. In a competency based curriculum, questions from the higher levels of Bloom's taxonomy should be given more weight than those from the knowledge and comprehension level.

Before developing a question paper, the item writer must ensure that the test or examination questions are tailored towards competency based assessment by doing the following:

- Identify the topic areas to be tested from the subject syllabus.
- Outline subject matter content to be considered as the basis for the test.
- Identify learning outcomes to be measured by the test.
- Prepare a table of specifications.
- Ensure the verbs used in the formulation of questions do not require memorisation or recall answers only, but test for broad competencies as stated in the syllabus.

## Structure and format of the examination for English Language:

At primary level there will be one paper including four sections:

Section A: Composition writing.

Section B: Grammar.

Section C: Vocabulary.

Section D: Comprehension.

## 3.4 Reporting to parents

The wider range of learning in the new curriculum means that it is necessary to think again about how to share a learner's progress with their parents. A single mark is not sufficient to convey the different expectations of learning which are in the learning objectives. The most helpful reporting is to share what students are doing well and where they need to improve.

### **4 RESOURCES**

### 4.1. Materials needed for implementation

Teaching and learning of English language is presented in context in order for the learners to practice the language. The successful implementation of this curriculum requires appropriate teaching aids including text books, teachers' guides, audio visuals, maps, real materials for primary school learners. It is hoped that ICT also will help in this language learning process.

#### 4.2 Human resources

Skills required for the teacher of this subject

- Engage students in variety of learning activities.
- Use multiple teaching and assessment methods
- Adjust instructions to the level of the learner.
- Creativity and innovation.
- Makes connections/links with other subjects.
- Should have a high level of knowledge of the content.
- Effective discipline skills.
- Good classroom management skills.
- Good communicator.
- Guide and counsellor.
- Passion for children teaching and learning.

## **5. UPPER PRIMARY SYLLABUS UNITS**

5.1. Presentation of the structure of the English syllabus units

English language is taught from pre-primary onwards.

English language subject is structured in Topic Areas that are oral and written communication that apply to all education levels.

English language subject is taught in different contexts/situations that make learning units.

Units are characterised by the following features:

- 1. Each Unit shows the number of corresponding periods in it.
- 2. Each Unit has a key unit competency that is based on an elaborate subject Overview and which is accomplished through all teaching and learning activities undertaken by both the teacher and the learners. Through these activities with adequate methodologies and techniques the key competences are hence achieved.
- 3. In each unit there are stated learning objectives including knowledge and understanding, skills and attitudes and values. These have been developed based on Broom's taxonomy that is from lower order thinking level to higher order thinking level.
- 4. Each Unit has a detailed content referred to as Language use.
- 5. Each Unit is provided with learning activities that are expected to engage learners in an interactive learner centered participatory approach.
- 6. Finally, each Unit shows its links to other subjects, its assessment criteria and the materials (or resources) that are needed during the teaching-and-learning process.

### 5.2. English Syllabus for Primary four

## 5.2.1. Key competences at the end of P1

- At the end of P4, the learner should be able to:
- Listen attentively and identify the main points and some of the details from a spoken message made up of familiar words and expressions in simple sentences,
- Take part in a simple conversation and debate expressing opinions and making relevant contributions,
- Ensure that everyone has an opportunity to contribute,
- Identify the main points and some details from short written texts in familiar contexts and deal with questions across a range of subjects,
- Identify their favorite characters from read stories and explain why they like them,
- Construct short texts on familiar topics adapting language already learnt,
- Enriching and communicate detailed English sentences using more vocabulary, language structures and conventions of prints already learned.

## 5. 2.2 Primary Four Units

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION					
P4 English	Unit 1: Our scho			No of lessons: 26	
Key Unit Competency: T	o use language learnt	in the context of our sc	hool.		
Le	arning objectives				
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities	
<ul> <li>Recognise the use of determiners of quantity.</li> <li>Name school subjects related vocabulary and - personal preferences.</li> </ul>	Orally describe the school timetable. Write about school subjects preferences. Draw and label a plan of the school and describe it in both speech and writing. Conduct a class survey about school journeys using a questionnaire. Use survey data to construct a bar graph showing the school journey times for learners. Interpret the	- Appreciate how our school community helps us learn.	<ul> <li>Language use Talking about subjects and the timetable</li> <li>We study social studies. What subjects do you study? We have science 3 times a week. We have science on Mondays and Wednesdays. How many lessons of science do you have? When do you have science?</li> <li>Saying what subjects you like</li> <li>I like science. They don't like science. Science is boring. What subjects do they like? What's your favourite subject?</li> <li>Describing future hopes</li> <li>I want to be a doctor. I would like to go to university.</li> <li>Describing the size of the school</li> <li>There are 500 pupils in our school. How many teachers are there in your school?</li> <li>Conducting a survey about going to school</li> <li>How long does it take to get to</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Talk in groups about favourite subjects.</li> <li>Plan 'My Favourite Timetable for a Day'.</li> <li>Talk in groups about the school timetable.</li> <li>Write short sentences about the timetable.</li> <li>Draw and label a plan of the school.</li> <li>Talk in groups about the number of teachers, learners, etc.</li> <li>Talk in groups about future hopes.</li> <li>Write sentences about future hopes.</li> <li>Write sentences about future hopes.</li> <li>Write a questionnaire about school journeys.</li> <li>Conduct a survey using the questionnaire.</li> <li>Construct a bar graph using the data.</li> <li>In groups, talk about the graph.</li> <li>Write true/false sentences about</li> </ul>	

graph in both	school? It takes one and a half	the graph for others to answer.
speech and	hours to get to school.	- Complete sentences using
writing.	Making a bar graph about going to	determiners of quantity.
- Read a short text	school	- Listen to/read a short text.
about subjects	- The vertical axis shows the	- Play 'Running Dictation': divide
or school	number of pupils. The horizontal	class into teams. One learner reads
journeys. Show	axis shows the time. 7 pupils take	a sentence to another. This child
understanding	30 minutes. A lot of pupils take	runs back to the team and dictates
visually or in	over 1 hour.	it, the others have to write it down
writing.	Vocabulary	and so on until text is complete.
- Listen to a short	Subjects:	
text about	- History, maths, science, social	
subjects or	studies, etc.	
school journeys.	School:	
Show	- Lesson, pupil, teacher, classroom,	
understanding	etc.	
visually or in	Preferences:	
writing.	- Boring, interesting, easy, hard, etc.	
- Describe future	Graphs:	
personal	- Axis, vertical, horizontal, bar, etc.	
ambitions.	Language structure	
	- Present simple tense.	
	- Want to, would like to.	
	- How long does it take?	
	- There are, how many are there?	
	- A lot of, most, some, a few	
	Sounds and spelling	
	- Recognise and pronounce sounds	
	and use rhythm and stress	
	correctly. Spell correctly.	
Links to other subjects: Social Studies: Graphs, transport and travel, and sch		
Assessment criteria: Can describe the school timetable and school size, expr		nd interpret a graph about school journeys.
Materials: Pictures, photographs, and paper and pencils for making graphs.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION				
P4 English	Unit 2: My frier	ids and I		No of lessons: 26
Key Unit Competency: 7	To use language lea	rnt in the context of r	ny friends and myself.	·
Lear	ning objectives			
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
use of the past a simple and a future tenses, s short answers w and - R comparatives. for - Identify the r basic vocabulary r of hobbies and o leisure activities, a appearance, and - C personality. for a p	Describe past nd future ctivities in peech and vriting. Lead a story, blow a story, ead aloud, and etell the story rally and in vriting. Drally describe riends' ppearances, ersonality, etc. Jompare eople's ppearance and ersonality in peech and vriting. Lead a short text bout future lans, or omparing eople.	- Value the importance of friendship in our daily lives, both in the community and in our families.	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Describing my hobbies</li> <li>I like reading. He plays football. What do you like doing?</li> <li>Recounting past activities</li> <li>On the weekend we played football. What did you do yesterday?</li> <li>Describing reading preferences</li> <li>I read books. She reads stories. What do you read?</li> <li>Telling stories</li> <li>One morning Mutesi set out early to go to the market with her basket on her head.</li> <li>Describing future plans</li> <li>On Saturday we're going to visit my cousin. What are they going to do?</li> <li>Describing friends' physical appearances</li> <li>She's tall. What does he look like? Is he attractive? Yes he is. No he isn't.</li> <li>Describing friends' personalities</li> <li>He is confident. What is he like?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Talk in groups about hobbies.</li> <li>Talk in groups about past activities, e.g. the weekend, paying attention to the past simple tense.</li> <li>Write about a past activity, paying attention to the past simple tense.</li> <li>Listen to someone describing future plans, e.g. for the weekend, focussing on going to.</li> <li>In groups, talk about future plans, e.g. for the weekend, focussing on going to.</li> <li>Write about future plans, e.g. for the weekend, focussing on going to.</li> <li>Listen to a story.</li> <li>Read the story orally and in writing.</li> <li>In groups, talk about pictures of people, using questions and short answers.</li> <li>Write about pictures of people and compare their appearance.</li> <li>Write about a friend's appearance, personality, etc., using a writing</li> </ul>

- Listen to a text	What's his personality like?	frame.
about future	Talking about friends	- Read a text about a person and
plans, or	- She's good at maths. She likes	make notes under categories, e.g.
comparing	sports. She lives in Gisenyi. What	appearance, personality, where
people.	does she like? Where does she	they live, what they like, etc.
- Write a short	live?	- Listen to texts describing people
text comparing	Comparing people	and write about their personality
people.	- He's taller than me. She's more	features and appearance, etc.
	confident than me.	- Talk and write about the chart.
	Vocabulary	- Classify adjectives into 2 groups:
	Hobbies and leisure activities:	those that add -er and those that
	- Play, read, visit, swim, etc.	need more or less.
	Appearance:	- Complete sentences using
	- Tall, short, thin, attractive, etc.	comparatives.
	Personality:	- Write about friends, using
	- Happy, funny, shy, confident, etc.	comparatives.
	Language structure	
	- Past simple tense.	
	- Future with going to.	
	- Adjectives for appearance,	
	personality.	
	- Short answers in simple present	
	tense: Yes he is, no he isn't, yes she	
	does, no she doesn't, etc.	
	- Comparatives: taller than, more	
	confident than.	
	Sounds and spelling	
	- Learn about common word	
	endings, word families and roots	
	of words.	
Links to other subjects: Religious Studies: personality and ap	ppearance. Physical Education and Kinyarwanda: ho	bbies and leisure.
Assessment criteria: Can describe past and future activities, r	ead a story, follow a story, read aloud and retell the	story, describe friends (physical
appearance, personality, where they live, etc.) and compare pe	ople.	
Materials: Pictures of people, photographs, charts, etc.		

*Materials*: Pictures of people, photographs, charts, etc.

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION					
P4 English	Unit 3: Our dis	strict		No of lessons: 25	
Key Unit Competen	<b>icy</b> : To use language le	arnt in the context of	our district		
	Learning objectives	1			
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities	
<ul> <li>Identify the use of comparatives and prepositions of place.</li> <li>State the basic vocabulary for community facilities and transport.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Talk and write about a map of a town.</li> <li>Follow oral and written directions on a map.</li> <li>Locate community facilities on a map.</li> <li>Describe transport facilities in the district.</li> <li>Compare means of transport in speech and writing.</li> <li>Read/listen to text comparing means of transport or describing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Value how all individuals contribute to the success of the district.</li> <li>Appreciate the physical features and natural resources of the district.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use Talking about the place where you live</li> <li>I live near Butare. Where do you live?</li> <li>Talking about population</li> <li>Butare has 77,000 people. 77,000 people live in Butare. How many people live in Butare?</li> <li>Talking about facilities</li> <li>There's a mosque in Butare. There are food shops. There are 3 primary schools. Is there a post office in Butare? Are there food shops in Butare?</li> <li>Talking about places</li> <li>The bank is in the main street. The hair salon is opposite the bank. Where's the bank? Which building is near the market?</li> <li>Talking about transport</li> <li>You can travel by bus from Butare to Kigali. You can get from Butare to Kigali by car in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Talk in groups about a map of a local town and locate the facilities.</li> <li>Follow directions read aloud and locate facilities on a map.</li> <li>Write sentences saying where places are on the map in relation to other places.</li> <li>Read a text giving directions and follow them on a map.</li> <li>Match pictures and words referring to means of transport.</li> <li>Make up anagrams of transport words and others guess.</li> <li>Compare means of transport both in writing and in group discussion.</li> <li>Complete sentences using comparatives.</li> <li>Write about local transport facilities.</li> <li>Fill in a chart comparing means of transport according to criteria (e.g. speed, cost, etc.).</li> <li>Go on a tour of the locality.</li> </ul>	

community	40 minutes. You can walk from
facilities. Show	Butare to our village in 2 hours.
understanding	There is an airport in Kigali.
visually or in	Comparing means of transport
writing.	- Air transport is faster than road
	transport. Walking is less
	expensive than travelling by
	bus.
	Giving Directions
	- Go along the street. Turn right.
	Go straight ahead.
	Vocabulary
	Community facilities:
	- Shop, post office, bank, primary
	school, etc.
	Transport:
	- Fly, walk, travel, bus, car,
	airport, etc.
	Language structure
	- There is/are.
	- Prepositions of place: near, next
	to, opposite, etc.
	- Comparatives.
	- Gerunds: walking, flying, etc.
	- You can.
	Sounds and spelling
	- Learn about common word
	endings, word families and the
	roots of words.
Links to other subjects: Social Studies: localities, community facilities, transpor	
Assessment criteria: Can locate community facilities on a map, describe local tra	ansport facilities and compare means of transport
Materials: Map of locality, pictures, photographs, and charts.	

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION				
P4 English	Unit 4: Weath	er		No of lessons: 25
Key Unit Competen	<b>cy</b> : To use language le	arnt in the context of	weather.	
	Learning objectives			
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Recognise the use of the present continuous and past simple tenses and adverbs of time.</li> <li>Identify the basic vocabulary of weather.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Orally describe the weather today and yesterday.</li> <li>Interpret a weather chart for Rwanda in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Describe local weather during the year in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Read/listen to texts describing the advantages and/or disadvantages of weather. Show understanding visually or in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appreciate the role of the weather in our daily lives.</li> <li>Respect the environment and how it affects Rwanda's weather conditions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Talking about today's weather</li> <li>Today it's sunny. Today the weather is sunny. Today it's cool. Today the weather is hot. It's raining. The sun is shining. What's the weather like today?</li> <li>Talking about weather in the past</li> <li>Last week it was sunny. Last week the weather was rainy. Yesterday it was cold. Last week it rained. What was the weather like last week?</li> <li>Talking about weather in our district</li> <li>In our district it is wet in January. The dry season lasts from March to June. What is the weather like in June? When is the rainy season? We have less rain in June.</li> <li>Describing the advantages of weather</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Match pictures of weather with words.</li> <li>Write anagrams. Other students guess which weather word it refers to.</li> <li>Word Search: an 8 by 8 set of squares with weather words and random letters. Learners have to find and circle the weather words.</li> <li>Match weather pictures with sentences in the present and past simple tense.</li> <li>Talk in groups about the weather today and last week.</li> <li>Read a text about weather patterns in Rwanda.</li> <li>Orally and in writing, interpret a graph of weather patterns in Rwanda.</li> <li>Complete sentences about rain and sunshine throughout the year using word more and less.</li> </ul>

Links to other subjects: Elementary science and technology: weather and farming.         Assessment criteria: Can describe the weather today and yesterday, interpret a weather chart for Rwanda, describe local weather during the year, and describe some of
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the positive and negative effects of types of weather **Materials:** Pictures and photographs.

P4 English	<b>Unit 5:</b> Jobs an	d roles in home and c	ommunity	No of lessons: 25
Key Unit Competenc	<b>y</b> : To use language le	arnt in the context of	jobs and roles in the home and in the co	ommunity.
	earning objectives	T	_	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Recognise the use of the past simple and future tense, and adverbs of frequency.</li> <li>State the basic vocabulary of jobs, community work, and household jobs.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe jobs.</li> <li>Orally describe the jobs of family members.</li> <li>Listen to/read a short text about community work in the past. Show understanding visually or in writing.</li> <li>Orally recount community work done in the past.</li> <li>Read/listen to a short text about community work planned for the future. Show</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appreciate the jobs and occupations of people in the community.</li> <li>Value the contribution of workers to the development of Rwanda's economy.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use Naming jobs <ul> <li>He is a carpenter. What is his job?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Describing jobs <ul> <li>A carpenter makes things from wood. What does a carpenter do? A nurse works in a health centre. Where does a teacher work?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Talking about people's jobs <ul> <li>My uncle is a bus driver. Mrs Kabuga is a nurse. What does your mother do?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Talking about helping at home <ul> <li>I cook at home. My sister helps my mother with the cooking. What jobs do you do at home? What jobs does your brother do at home?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Talking about how often you do jobs <ul> <li>I sometimes help in the house. I help in the garden every week. I help in the house twice a week. How often do you help in the garden?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Talking about helping in the community <ul> <li>Every month we do community work. They clean the roads. When</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Match pictures and job names.</li> <li>Pupils write anagrams for others.</li> <li>Missing vowels: complete the job names with the correct vowels.</li> <li>Match the beginning and ends of sentences to make whole sentences describing jobs.</li> <li>Talk in groups about the jobs of family members.</li> <li>Match sentences and household activities.</li> <li>Write sentences about what activities people in the family do.</li> <li>Play memory games such as asking who cooks, cleans etc. Learners remember and say who does what.</li> <li>Add adverbs of frequency to sentences saying who does what in the house and how they do it.</li> <li>Listen to the teacher reading</li> </ul>

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION							
P4 English	<b>Unit 6:</b> Wild a	nimals		No of lessons: 26			
Key Unit Competency: To use language learnt in the context of wild animals.							
Knowledge and understanding	earning objectives Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities			
<ul> <li>Identify the use of the present perfect tense, determiners of quantity, and comparatives and superlatives.</li> <li>State the basic vocabulary of animals and animal classes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Classify animals.</li> <li>Compare animals orally and in writing.</li> <li>Make a short oral presentation about what animals eat and which is the fastest and biggest.</li> <li>Listen to a text about wild animals in Rwanda and show understanding by labelling a map.</li> <li>Write a short text describing a map of animal populations in</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appreciate the contribution of Rwanda's wildlife to the development of Rwanda's economy.</li> <li>Appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of Rwanda's flora and fauna.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Naming animals</li> <li>This is a spider. What's this?</li> <li>Classifying animals</li> <li>A lion is a carnivore. Is an elephant an herbivore?</li> <li>Yes it is. No it isn't</li> <li>Comparing animals</li> <li>Lions are bigger than monkeys. Cheetahs are the fastest animals.</li> <li>Talking about animals in Rwanda</li> <li>There are monkeys in Rwanda. There aren't any tigers in Rwanda. There are a lot of monkeys in Rwanda. Are there any zebras in Rwanda? Which animals live in Rwanda?</li> <li>Talking about where animals live in Rwanda?</li> <li>There are gorillas near Virunga. There are monkeys in the north. Are there any monkeys in the Volcanoes national park? Where can you see crocodiles?</li> <li>Conducting a survey</li> <li>I have seen a monkey. What has he seen?</li> <li>Interpreting a table</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Match animal names and pictures.</li> <li>Play missing consonants: write full form animal words with vowels only.</li> <li>Talk in groups and classify animals as carnivores, herbivores or omnivores.</li> <li>Talk in groups and compare animals for speed, size, etc.</li> <li>Write sentences comparing animals using comparatives and superlatives.</li> <li>In groups, prepare a short oral class presentation about what animals eat and which is the fastest, biggest, etc.</li> <li>Play 20 questions: a learner thinks of an animal and others ask questions about food/size/speed/etc.</li> <li>Listen to the teacher reading aloud a text about wild animals in Rwanda. Label a map.</li> <li>In groups, design a questionnaire about the wild</li> </ul>			

have s animals in Rwanda. - Design and orally use a questionnaire about wild animals. - Monka Compas - North Animal - Herbin etc. Langua - Presen questi and sh - There - Detern most/ with m - Compa - North	aryperfect.iiy, zebra, spider, eagle etc.is points:south, southeast, etc.classes:bores, carnivores, omnivores,e structuret perfect tense: declaratives,ns with have you, who has,port answers.are. Are there?tiners of quantity:ome/a few/a lot of. Anyegatives.ratives, superlatives.and spellingbout common words, word families and rootsls.
Materials: Map, pictures, photographs, and charts.	awanaa, carry out and report on an animal survey.

P4 English	<b>Unit 7:</b> Rights, r	esponsibilities and nee	ds	No of lessons: 25		
Key Unit Competency: To use language learnt in the context of rights, responsibilities and needs.						
Learning objectives						
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities		
<ul> <li>Identify the use of modal verbs must/ mustn't and the first conditional.</li> <li>State the basic vocabulary of rights, responsibilities and needs in society.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>List and define rights, responsibilities, rules, and needs orally.</li> <li>Write a poster about school rules.</li> <li>Listen to/read texts about rights, responsibilities, rules and/or needs. Show understanding visually or in writing.</li> <li>Write a short text about rights, responsibilities, rules, and/or needs.</li> </ul>	- Respect that everyone has rights and responsibilities.	<ul> <li>Language use Talking about our rights</li> <li>We have a right to education. What are our rights? Talking about our responsibilities</li> <li>We must be honest. We must respect other people.</li> <li>Talking about rules</li> <li>We must keep the classroom clean. If we fight, we will be punished.</li> <li>Talking about our basic needs</li> <li>We need shelter. What do we need in the community?</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Rights:</li> <li>Education, water, health, etc.</li> <li>Responsibilities:</li> <li>Honest, kind, respect, help, etc.</li> <li>Needs:</li> <li>Water, clothes, shelter, etc.</li> <li>Language structure</li> <li>Modal verbs: must/must not.</li> <li>The first conditional.</li> <li>Sounds and spelling</li> <li>Learn about common word endings, word families and roots of words.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Match pictures and sentences about rights and responsibilities.</li> <li>Talk in groups about rights, responsibilities, etc.</li> <li>Create a list of rights and define them.</li> <li>Read a short text about school rules. Divide them into 2 columns dos and don'ts.</li> <li>Read/listen to a text about needs in society.</li> <li>Look at a poster and get ideas about how to design one, e.g. use of drawings/titles/print size and colour, etc.</li> <li>Talk in groups and formulate school rules.</li> <li>Plan and write a chart about school rules.</li> <li>Hold an exhibition of charts.</li> </ul>		

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION				
P4 English	Unit 8: Talking	about the past	No of lessons: 25	
Key Unit Competency: To	o use language lea	arnt in the context of t	alking about the past.	
Learn	ning objectives			
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Identify the use of the past simple tense and acc determiners of quantity.</li> <li>State the basic devocabulary of ag traditional and modern tools, farm products, and household objects.</li> <li>Identify the past we we</li></ul>	speech and riting scribe past tivities. speech and riting scribe past ricultural d household actises. entify aditional and odern tools, rm products d household ojects. sten to/read xts about aditional and odern tools, rm products d household ojects. rite a short xt about aditional and odern tools, rm products rite a short xt about aditional and odern tools, rm products rite a short xt about aditional and odern tools, rm products rite a short xt about aditional and odern tools, rm products	<ul> <li>Respect Rwanda's culture and heritage.</li> <li>Appreciate how our past has contributed to today's society.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use Recount past activities</li> <li>Yesterday I watched TV. Last weekend she went shopping with her friend. What did you do?</li> <li>Describing traditional and modern tools and utensils</li> <li>People used hoes. We use machines.</li> <li>Describing traditional and modern farm products</li> <li>People grew few crops. They kept cattle. We grow beans.</li> <li>Describing traditional and modern household objects</li> <li>People made pots. They made furniture out of wood.</li> <li>Describing and comparing traditional and modern farming</li> <li>They had fewer tools. They grew fewer crops. We use more machines. We grow more crops.</li> <li>Comparing traditional and modern food</li> <li>They grew fewer crops. We eat more cereals. We grow a lot of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Talk in groups about past activities, e.g. the weekend, paying attention to the past simple tense.</li> <li>Write a letter to a friend recounting a past (e.g. weekend) activity.</li> <li>In groups, match pictures and names of tools, crops, animals, and household objects.</li> <li>In groups, orally name tools, crops, animals, and household objects.</li> <li>Write sentences as captions for pictures of traditional and modern practises.</li> <li>Read a text comparing traditional and modern practises. Take notes under 2 columns describing what happened then and what happens now.</li> <li>Complete sentences focussing on the use of determiners of quantity: more, less, fewer, etc.</li> <li>Write a short text comparing traditional and modern practises using determiners of</li> </ul>

objects. - Compare traditional and modern tools, farm products and household objects both	meat. Vocabulary Tools: - Hoe, axe, machete, etc. Farm products: - Cattle, chicken, sorghum, millet, rice, etc.	- Talk to people in the community about farming practises in the past and report what they say in class.		
orally and in writing.	<ul> <li>Household objects: <ul> <li>Pot, chair, furniture, jewellery, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Language structure <ul> <li>Past simple tense.</li> <li>Determiners of quantity: much, a lot of, many, more, fewer, less, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sounds and spelling <ul> <li>Learn about common word endings, word families and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
	roots of words.			
	e and technology: traditional tools, traditional farming, and cr	2		
-	vities, describe past agricultural and household practises, iden	tify and compare traditional and		
modern tools, farm products and household objects.				
Materials: Pictures, photographs, and realic	ı (tools).			

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION					
P4 English	Unit 9: Countr	ies, rivers and famous	architectural structures of the world	No of lessons: 25	
Key Unit Competen	<b>cy</b> : To use language le	arnt in the context of	countries, rivers and famous architectu	ral structures of the world.	
	Learning objectives			Learning activities	
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities	
<ul> <li>Recognise the use of comparatives, superlatives and the present perfect tense.</li> <li>Identify the names of a number of key countries, cities, buildings, and rivers.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify and locate countries and their capitals on a map, both orally and in writing.</li> <li>Identify and locate rivers, buildings, and cities on a map, both orally and in writing.</li> <li>Listen to a short text about countries and their capitals. Show understanding by labelling a map.</li> <li>Read a short text comparing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appreciate the value of working in groups and keeping time.</li> <li>Appreciate that the world is a big place of many countries and cultures.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Naming and locating countries of the world</li> <li>This is China. It is in the northern hemisphere. Beijing is the capital of China.</li> <li>Talking about personal and family experience of countries</li> <li>I have seen a picture of the Eiffel tower. My uncle has been to Tanzania. My cousin lives in France.</li> <li>Describing rivers</li> <li>The Amazon is 6,400 kilometres long. The Nile is the longest river in the world.</li> <li>Describing cities</li> <li>Washington is the capital of the USA. Beijing has 11 million people. Kigali is the biggest city in Rwanda.</li> <li>Describing buildings</li> <li>The Burj Khalifa in Dubai is 828 metres tall. The Eiffel tower is</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Talk in groups and name and locate countries on a map orally and in writing.</li> <li>Write sentences about personal or family experience of other countries, focussing on the present perfect and present simple tenses.</li> <li>Talk in groups and compare rivers, buildings etc. Use supports, e.g. substitution table.</li> <li>Complete sentences comparing rivers, buildings, etc. Focus on comparatives and superlatives.</li> <li>Write captions for pictures of rivers, buildings etc. Learners match them.</li> <li>Read a text comparing buildings, cities, rivers, etc.</li> <li>Listen to a text about countries and locate the places on a map.</li> <li>Make a class map showing countries, capitals, rivers, etc.</li> <li>Compile a class map showing</li> </ul>	

buildings,	the tallest building in France.	where learners have relatives.
cities, and	Comparing cities, rivers,	
rivers. Show	buildings	
understanding	- The Nile is longer than the	
visually or in	Yangtze.	
writing.	Vocabulary	
- Compare	Rivers:	
buildings,	- Amazon, Nile, Mississippi, Don,	
cities and	Yangtze, etc.	
rivers orally	Countries:	
and in writing.	- China, the USA, Tanzania,	
	France, etc.	
	Cities:	
	- Population, capital, city, etc.	
	Language structure	
	- Comparatives, superlatives.	
	- Present perfect tense.	
	Sounds and spelling	
	- Learn about common word	
	endings, word families and	
	roots of words.	
Links to other subjects: Social studies: rivers, buildings	, cities, and countries.	
Assessment criteria: Can identify and compare cities, bu	uildings and countries of the world.	
Materials: Pictures, photographs, maps, drawing paper of	and pencils.	

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION				
P4 English	Unit 10: Clima	te change		No of lessons: 25
Key Unit Competen	<b>cy</b> : To use language le	arnt in the context of	climate change.	
	Learning objectives			Learning activities
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Identify the use of the present continuous tense, determiners of amount, and modal verbs and their negative form.</li> <li>Recognise the basic vocabulary of causes and effects of climate change.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Orally describe the causes and effects of climate change.</li> <li>Orally make suggestions for reducing the effects of climate change.</li> <li>Read/listen to short simple texts about the causes and effects of climate change. Show understanding visually or in writing.</li> <li>Write a short simple text about the causes and effects of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respect the local environment.</li> <li>Appreciate the importance of caring for the environment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Describing climate change</li> <li>The world is getting warmer. The Arctic ice is melting. Sea levels are rising. There are more floods. Are sea levels rising?</li> <li>Describing the causes of climate change</li> <li>We are burning too much wood. We are cutting down too many trees.</li> <li>Describing our responsibilities</li> <li>We must use less water. We mustn't burn so much wood. We must cut down fewer trees.</li> <li>Making suggestions</li> <li>Let's recycle more rubbish. Let's cut down fewer trees.</li> <li>Prohibiting</li> <li>Don't cut down trees. Cut down fewer trees. Burn less wood.</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Causes of climate change:</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identify pictures of the causes and effects of climate change. Put them under 2 columns reason/result and cause/effect.</li> <li>Match pictures with sentences.</li> <li>Talk in groups about the causes and effects of climate change using support, e.g. substitution table.</li> <li>Read a text on the causes and effects of climate change and show understanding by matching words with pictures, etc.</li> <li>Complete written sentences about the causes of climate change using <i>too much</i> and <i>many</i>.</li> <li>Construct sentences about responsibilities using <i>we must</i>, <i>mustn't</i> and <i>fewer</i>, <i>less</i>.</li> <li>Listen to a text on suggestions for reducing the effects of climate change and pay</li> </ul>

climate change.	- Burn, cut down, wood, etc.	attention to <i>let's</i> and <i>don't</i> .		
Show understanding visually or in writing. - Design and write a poster about reducing	<ul> <li>Effects of climate change:</li> <li>Ice, sea, rise, melt, global warming, etc</li> <li>Language structure</li> <li>Present continuous tense: declarative and questions with is/are.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Make suggestion and prohibition sentences with <i>let's</i> and <i>don't</i>.</li> <li>Design and write a chart about climate change using <i>must</i>, <i>mustn't</i>, <i>let's don't</i> with <i>more</i>, <i>fewer</i>, <i>less</i>.</li> </ul>		
the effects of climate change.	<ul> <li>Too/so much, many. Less, fewer.</li> <li>Must, mustn't.</li> <li>Let's.</li> <li>Don't.</li> </ul>			
	Sounds and spelling - Learn about common word endings, word families and roots of words			
Links to other subjects: Social studies: climate change and recycling.				
Assessment criteria: can identify key features of climate change, discuss responsibilities, make suggestions for resisting climate change and				
design a poster.				
Materials: Pictures, photographs, posters, po	ster paper, and pens			

#### 5.3 English Syllabus for Primary five

#### **5.3.1.** Key competences at the end of P5

At the end of P5, the learner should be able to:

- Listen attentively and identify the main points and opinions in spoken messages made up of familiar and unfamiliar material from various contexts,
- Talk about a topic of choice and present their findings to others including expressing opinions.
- Summarise the main points and opinions in written texts from various contexts and across a range of subjects.
- Read fluently respecting rhythm and punctuation. Understand and explain a wide variety of texts of varying length including narratives, poems, notes, lists etc.
- Summarise stories they have read explaining their likes and dislikes.
- Write short descriptive texts on a range of familiar topics using more complex sentences.
- Enhance and communicate more detailed English sentences using vocabulary, language structures and conventions of prints already learned.

## **5.3.2 Primary Five Units**

### **TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

P5 English

**Unit 1:** Past and future events

No of lessons: 25

**Key Unit Competency**: To use language learnt in the context of past and future.

Learning objectives				
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Recognise the use of the past simple tense and time connectors, the future tense with going to and would like to, want to, when clauses, and letter format.</li> <li>Identify the basic vocabulary of travelling.</li> <li>Identify vocabulary to express aspirations and ambitions</li> <li>Identify the format of a</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Read/listen to stories, and retell them orally and in writing.</li> <li>Recount past experiences both orally and in writing.</li> <li>Write a letter about past events.</li> <li>Describe planned activities in the future both orally and in writing.</li> <li>Express future hopes both orally and in writing.</li> <li>Listen/read</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Respect the language needs of others in group work.</li> <li>Appreciate that writing is a skill that needs to be practised.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use Telling stories</li> <li>One morning Mutesi set out early to go to market with her basket on her head.</li> <li>Recounting events</li> <li>Last weekend, we went to a football match. What did you do on Saturday?</li> <li>Telling your life story</li> <li>I was born in 2004. When I was born I weighed 3 kg. I got my first tooth when I was 2. Where were you born?</li> <li>Recounting past experiences</li> <li>I was 10 when I first saw an elephant. How old were you when you first used a computer?</li> <li>Describing a weekend activity</li> <li>Last weekend I played football. What did she do?</li> <li>Planning a trip</li> <li>I'm going to visit my relatives. What is he going to do?</li> <li>Talking about a future activity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen to/read stories.</li> <li>Retell the story both orally and in writing.</li> <li>In groups, discuss a past event.</li> <li>Read a letter from a friend about past events.</li> <li>Write a letter to a friend describing the weekend.</li> <li>Find out key life story facts (e.g. birth, first word, first tooth, etc.) from your family.</li> <li>In groups, discuss life stories.</li> <li>My first book: learners write a short text about their life story and the first time they did things. Make a display of these.</li> <li>In groups, discuss a past experience, using how old were you when? and I was 10 when</li> <li>Complete written sentences using I was 10 when</li> <li>Write about a past experience,</li> </ul>

letter.texts about past experiences or a future activities and show understanding visually or in writing. • Write a text about a future activity.Write a text about a future activity.	<ul> <li>I'm going to go to town. We're going to buy food. What is he going to get? She's going to look for a new skirt.</li> <li>Expressing future hopes</li> <li>I would like to be a doctor. She wants to live in a house in Kigali.</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>A trip: <ul> <li>Travel, take, visit, relatives, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Aspirations: <ul> <li>Architect, get married, flat, money, etc.</li> <li>Language structures</li> <li>Past simple and connectors of time.</li> <li>Past simple: questions with how old.</li> <li>When clauses.</li> <li>Future with going to.</li> <li>Would like to, want to.</li> <li>Letter format.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sounds and spelling</li> <li>Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary and spelling.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>e.g. a weekend.</li> <li>In groups, discuss a past experience, e.g. a weekend.</li> <li>Listen to a short text about a future activity.</li> <li>Plan a future activity, e.g. my ideal shopping trip or a visit to a football match. Write about it.</li> <li>Read texts about future plans.</li> <li>Discuss in groups about future hopes using <i>would like to, want</i> <i>to.</i></li> <li>Write a short text about future hopes using <i>would like to, want</i> <i>to.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Assessment criteria:</b> Can read a simple story writing, describe planned activities in the futu	follow a story read aloud, retell the story, write a letter, record re, express future hopes, and write a short text about a future	
Materials: Photographs and pictures.		

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION					
P5 English	Unit 2: The langu	lage of study subjects		No of lessons: 25	
Key Unit Competency: T	lo use language lea	rnt in the context of t	he language of study subjects.	·	
Lear	ning objectives				
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities	
instructions cl used in the ir classroom a environment R - Identify the te basic sr vocabulary of e classroom se learning la activities. fu d cc fu b fu c fu c fu c fu c fu c fu c f	Respond to lassroom instructions ind questions. Read short exts on study ubjects xpressing key chool anguage unctions, e.g. defining and ontrasting. book up words in a nonolingual or ilingual fictionary. Plan, write and valuate a hort text.	<ul> <li>Appreciate the importance of cooperation and organisation in group work settings.</li> <li>Appreciate that different topics require different writing styles.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Following instructions</li> <li>Spell, pronounce, repeat, etc. Look at page 10. Work in groups. Put your hands up.</li> <li>Answering questions</li> <li>Who knows what a rectangle is? What does wildlife mean? Do you agree? Is that right? What do you think? How do you spell it? How do you pronounce it?</li> <li>Working in groups</li> <li>Work in groups. Let's choose a secretary. Do you have any more suggestions? You have five minutes. Are you ready to present?</li> <li>Defining</li> <li>A mammal is a vertebrate that has hair and feeds its young with milk.</li> <li>Contrasting</li> <li>Natural light is not man made,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen and respond to instructions.</li> <li>Look up words in a monolingual or bilingual dictionary.</li> <li>In groups, discuss new vocabulary and choose a chairperson, a timekeeper, and decide who will report back, etc.</li> <li>Read information texts and pay attention to the key phrases and vocabulary used.</li> <li>Write and then evaluate the writing in relation to accuracy of spelling and grammar, correct choice of vocabulary, correct use of functions, and clarity.</li> <li>Evaluate another learner's writing.</li> </ul>	

	but human beings make
	artificial light.
	Using reference materials
	- Look the word up in the
	dictionary. What's the
	dictionary definition? What's
	the word in Kinyarwanda?
	Planning and evaluating
	writing
	- These are my notes. This is my
	plan. Evaluate your writing.
	Look for spelling and grammar
	mistakes.
	Vocabulary
	Classroom language:
	- Groups, report, keep time,
	pronounce, repeat, etc.
	Language structure
	- Teacher language: imperatives and
	questions.
	- Signals of common school
	language functions, e.g. because,
	but, time prepositions, etc.
	Sounds and spelling
	- Use dictionaries and thesauruses
	to extend and develop vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation.
Links to other subjects: Kinyarwanda and French: dictionary use, plar	
	acher questions, work orally in groups, express a few common school language functions in writing,
look up words in a monolingual or bilingual dictionary, and plan, write o	
Materials: Dictionaries.	

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION				
P5 English	Unit 3: Reading			No of lessons: 25
Key Unit Competency:	To use language lea	rnt in the context of r	eading.	
Lea	rning objectives			
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Recognise the use of the past simple tense, adverbs of frequency.</li> <li>Identify the vocabulary of - reading materials and reading topics.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	Read/listen to stories and show understanding of the time sequence. Retell a story both orally and in writing. Skim and scan texts, and find items in the table of contents and index. Talk about reading materials and reading topics. Describe a classmates' reading habits by compiling a	<ul> <li>Appreciate that reading is a skill that needs to be practised regularly.</li> <li>Respect people's reading ability and interests.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use Telling stories</li> <li>One morning Mutesi set out early to go to market with her basket on her head.</li> <li>Naming sources of reading</li> <li>I read magazines. What does she read?</li> <li>Saying what you like reading</li> <li>They like reading about animals. What does she like reading about?</li> <li>Talking about reading habits</li> <li>We read magazines once a week. How often do you read?</li> <li>Saying why you read</li> <li>I read because I'm interested in sports.</li> <li>Recounting what you read in the past</li> <li>Last week I read an interesting book. It was about sports.</li> <li>Skimming and scanning</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Listen to and read stories.</li> <li>Make a collection of different types of reading material e.g. cards, labels, shopping lists, comics, magazines, guides, pamphlets, newspapers, etc. Label them and talk about why we read them (for fun, for information or instruction, etc.).</li> <li>Write captions for pictures showing reading preferences and habits.</li> <li>In groups, discuss reading habits and preferences.</li> <li>Complete sentences about reading frequency focussing on adverbs of frequency.</li> <li>Design a questionnaire for getting oral information from classmates about their reading habits.</li> <li>Use the questionnaire and write down classmates' answers.</li> </ul>

table and talking and writing about it. - Listen to/read texts about why and what people read. Show understanding visually or in writing. - Describe something recently read, both orally and in writing.	<ul> <li>Scan and find out the name of the main character. Skim and find out the topic.</li> <li>Using tables of contents and indexes</li> <li>Find the word in the table of contents. Look up the word in the index.</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Reading materials: <ul> <li>Newspaper, magazine, book, comic, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Topics: <ul> <li>Animals, sports, news, subjects, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Language structure <ul> <li>The past simple tense.</li> <li>Adverbs of frequency.</li> <li>Like + -ing.</li> <li>Because clauses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sounds and spelling <ul> <li>Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fill in a table about reading habits and talk and write about them.</li> <li>Bring reading materials to the class and say who the main characters are, what they are like, the main events and why they are interesting.</li> <li>Practise skimming, scanning, and finding items in the table of contents and index, using timed exercises.</li> </ul>		
	and pronunciation.			
Links to other subjects: Kinyarwanda and French: reading stories.				
Assessment criteria: Can read a simple story, retell the story orally and in writing, describe preferred reading material and reading topics,				
skim, scan, and use a table of contents and index.				
Materials: Reading materials e.g. cards, labels, shopping lists, comics, magazines, guides, pamphlets, newspapers, etc.				

P5 English	Unit 4: The en	vironment		No of lessons: 25
Key Unit Competer	<b>ncy</b> : To use language le	arnt in the context of	f the environment.	
	Learning objectives			Xin
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Recognise the use of the passive voice and prepositions of place.</li> <li>Identify the vocabulary of geographical features, compass points, and wildlife.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Orally describe the location of Rwanda on a map of East Africa.</li> <li>Describe the key geographical features of Rwanda using a map, both orally and in writing.</li> <li>Listen to/read a short text about places on a map. Show understanding by locating them.</li> <li>Listen to/read a short text</li> </ul>	- Respect and protect the environment.	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Describing a map of Rwanda</li> <li>This is our province. The neighbouring countries are Tanzania and the DRC.</li> <li>Naming geographical features on a map</li> <li>This is a mountain. These are woodlands. This province has hills. This district is mountainous.</li> <li>Describing position on a map</li> <li>The river is near Butare. The volcano is in the north.</li> <li>Describing the uses of physical features</li> <li>Lakes and rivers are useful because they provide water. We grow crops in the soil.</li> <li>Describing wildlife in Rwanda</li> <li>There are antelopes in our district. Rare flowers are found in this region.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In groups, discuss and match pictures of animals, birds, and plants with words.</li> <li>Label a map to show where they are found.</li> <li>Use a map to locate Rwanda in relation to its neighbours.</li> <li>Label a map with the names of physical features.</li> <li>Read a short text about the uses of physical features.</li> <li>In groups, discuss the physical features.</li> <li>Write a text about flora and fauna found in Rwanda. Use and refer to a map.</li> <li>Listen to texts about places on a map and show understanding by labelling the map.</li> </ul>

of physical features and	<b>Geographical features</b> : - Hill, mountain, valley, lake,					
show	grasslands, etc.					
understanding	Compass points:					
visually or in	- North, southeast, west, etc.					
writing.	Wildlife:					
- Name key flora	- Wild, rare, elephant,					
and fauna	chimpanzee, etc.					
found in	Language structures.					
Rwanda and	- Passive: is/are found.					
say orally and	- Prepositions of place.					
in writing	Sounds and spelling					
where they are	- Use dictionaries and					
found.	thesauruses to extend and					
	develop vocabulary, spelling					
	and pronunciation.					
Links to other subjects: Social studies: maps, Ru	vandan geography, and flora and fauna.					
Assessment criteria: Can orally describe the loc	ation of Rwanda on a map of East Africa and describe the key geographical features of					
Rwanda using a map.						
Materials: Maps, photographs, and pictures.						

P5 English	Unit 5: Measur	rement		No of lessons: 25
Key Unit Competenc	<b>y</b> : To use language le	arnt in the context of	measurement.	
L	earning objectives			
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Identify the use of measurement language and of comparatives and superlatives.</li> <li>State the vocabulary of measurement.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Measure and calculate dimensions.</li> <li>Compare the features of places in Rwanda and in the wider world.</li> <li>Read/listen to a short text comparing places in Rwanda or in the wider world. Show understanding visually or in writing.</li> <li>Write a short text comparing places.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reading attentively develops understanding and increases vocabulary.</li> <li>Practising language improves confidence and competence.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use Calculating <ul> <li>3 times 2 equals 6. 150 times</li> <li>25 is 3750 (three thousand seven hundred and fifty). What is 3 times 2?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Describing dimensions <ul> <li>How long is the building? The desk is about 50cm wide. What is the area of the field? The area of the field is 30 metres by 55 metres. What is the length of the house?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Measuring people in the classroom <ul> <li>Kamali is 142 cm tall. His feet are 20 cm long. Kamali is the tallest. She has the biggest feet. How tall are you? How big are her feet?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In groups discuss places in the world using a map and compare, e.g. rivers and mountains.</li> <li>Measure objects and order them using comparatives and superlatives e.g. big, bigger, biggest, etc.</li> <li>Complete sentences using comparatives and superlatives and superlatives.</li> <li>Read a text about Rwanda giving the dimensions of key places.</li> <li>Label a map of Rwanda showing the dimensions of mountains, rivers, etc.</li> <li>Listen to a text about the size of places in the world.</li> <li>Write a short text comparing the dimensions of places in Rwanda or the world.</li> </ul>

	bigger than Musanze? Is Lake
	Kivu bigger than Lake Muhazi?
	What is the longest river in
	Rwanda?
	- Comparing places.
	- The longest river in the world is
	the Nile. Which is the tallest
	building in the world? Is the
	Nile longer than the Yangtze?
	Vocabulary
	Measurements:
	- Length, width, long, high, area,
	etc.
	Language structure
	- Questions with how long, wide,
	etc.
	- Comparatives and superlatives.
	Sounds and spelling
	- Use dictionaries and
	thesauruses to extend and
	develop vocabulary, spelling
	and pronunciation.
Links to other subjects: Mathematics: measurement. Social Studi	es: countries of the world.
Assessment criteria: Can count, add, subtract, divide, multiply and	l describe shapes and compare the size of different places.
Materials: Charts, plans, pictures, photographs, and rulers.	

TOPIC AREA: ORAL	TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION					
P5 English	Unit 6: Transp	ort		No of lessons: 25		
Key Unit Competen	<b>cy</b> : To use language lea	arnt in the context of	transport.			
	Learning objectives			Learning activities		
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities		
<ul> <li>Identify the use of comparatives.</li> <li>List the means of transport.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe how and why people travel in the district.</li> <li>Say where you have been in Rwanda.</li> <li>Compare means of transport and describe their uses in speech and writing.</li> <li>Listen to/read a short text comparing means of transport. Show understanding visually or in writing.</li> <li>Plan a text about the uses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Planning writing is an important process.</li> <li>Appreciate the contribution that others make when working in groups.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use Talking means of transport</li> <li>People travel by bus. How do people travel in your district?</li> <li>Talking about the purposes of travel</li> <li>People visit their family. People attend weddings or funerals.</li> <li>Comparing means of transport</li> <li>It is cheaper to travel by road than by air. Air transport is faster.</li> <li>Describing the uses of means of transport</li> <li>Roads help farmers to take goods to market. Water transport helps fishermen to fish. Aeroplanes help people to travel fast.</li> <li>Talking about visits in Rwanda</li> <li>Have you ever visited Gisenyi? What places have you visited in Rwanda? I have been to Kigali.</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Match pictures with words for means of transport.</li> <li>In groups, discuss the means of transport used in the district and their purposes.</li> <li>Listen to texts comparing means of transport.</li> <li>In groups, fill in a table with means of transport on the vertical axis and speed, cost, etc. on the horizontal axis. Write cheaper, faster, etc. in the table.</li> <li>In groups, talk and write about the table using comparatives.</li> <li>In pairs, say where you have been in Rwanda.</li> <li>Read a short text about the uses of different means of transport.</li> <li>Write sentences about the uses of transport.</li> <li>Plan a piece of writing about the uses of transport then write it and evaluate it.</li> </ul>		

of transport,	Transport on land, by air and
write it and	on water
evaluate it.	Means of transport:
	- Car, air, plane, bus, taxi, etc.
	Uses of transport:
	- Goods, market, bank, travel, etc.
	Language structures
	- Comparatives.
	- Help to.
	Sounds and spelling
	- Use dictionaries and
	thesauruses to extend and
	develop vocabulary, spelling
	and pronunciation.
Links to other subjects: Social Studies: med	ns of transport. Mathematics: graphs.
Assessment criteria: Can describe how and	why people travel in the district, compare means of transport, and describe their uses in speech
and writing.	
Materials: Pictures, photographs, and tables	

TOPIC AREA: ORAL	TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION					
P5 English	Unit 7: Hygiene	e and health		No of lessons: 25		
Key Unit Competen	<b>cy</b> : To use language lea	arnt in the context of	hygiene and health.			
]	Learning objectives	1		Learning activities		
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities		
<ul> <li>Identify the use of the first conditional.</li> <li>State the vocabulary of illnesses, basic hygiene, and food groups.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Orally, describe what you eat and classify it into vegetables, meat, etc.</li> <li>Both orally and in writing, define key food groups and give examples of foods in those groups.</li> <li>Listen to/read a short text about health. Show understanding visually or in writing.</li> <li>Listen to/read a short text about food and food groups.</li> </ul>	- Reading about diet, health and hygiene helps informs decisions about leading a healthy lifestyle.	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Describing diet</li> <li>I eat a lot of cereals. How much meat does she eat?</li> <li>Describing food groups and a balanced diet</li> <li>Meat contains protein. Carbohydrates are energy giving foods.</li> <li>Talking about diet and health</li> <li>Vitamins are good for you. I have a healthy diet.</li> <li>Talking about hygiene</li> <li>I brush my teeth. You should wash your hands before eating.</li> <li>Talking about illness</li> <li>I have a cough. What is wrong with you? You should see a doctor. If you don't eat a healthy diet, you will get ill.</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Illnesses:</li> <li>Cough, food poisoning, cholera, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In groups, discuss and match pictures with foods.</li> <li>Define key food groups: proteins, carbohydrates, minerals and vitamins.</li> <li>Classify foods, using different colours, in a diagram of food groups.</li> <li>In groups, learners make a table of what they eat every week and classify these foods into food groups.</li> <li>In groups, learners discuss and evaluate whether their diet is balanced.</li> <li>Give advice to classmates about what they should eat.</li> <li>Listen to a dialogue about a visit to the doctor.</li> <li>Role play a visit to the doctor.</li> <li>Make sentences about keeping healthy using the first conditional.</li> <li>In groups, discuss keeping</li> </ul>		

Show	Hygiene:	healthy.					
understanding	- Wash, boil, brush, etc.	- Design and write a simple					
visually or in	Food groups:	advice brochure.					
writing.	- Carbohydrates, proteins,						
- Write a short	vitamins, minerals, etc.						
brochure about	Language structures						
keeping	- First conditional.						
healthy.	- Modal verbs: should.						
	Sounds and spelling						
	- Use dictionaries and						
	thesauruses to extend and						
	develop vocabulary and						
	spelling and pronunciation.						
Links to other subjects: Elementary science and technology: food, nutrition, food groups, diet, health, and hygiene.							
Assessment criteria: Can describe diet and classify it into vegetables, meat, etc., define key food groups, and give advice about keeping							
healthy.							
Materials: Pictures, diagrams, and photogra	phs.	Materials: Pictures, diagrams, and photographs.					

P5 English	Unit 8: Crafts in Rwanda			No of lessons: 26
Key Unit Competer	<b>icy</b> : To use language le	arnt in the context of	crafts in Rwanda.	
	Learning objectives	1		
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Recognise the use of the passive voice.</li> <li>Identify the vocabulary of craft objects, raw materials, and the way things are made.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Orally, describe what crafts people made, what they used them for, and the raw materials they used.</li> <li>Listen to/read a short text about objects people have made in the past and their uses. Show understanding visually or in writing.</li> <li>Describe in both speech and writing, the crafts people make</li> </ul>	- Appreciate the role of crafts in Rwandan culture.	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Describing what people made</li> <li>in the past</li> <li>Traditionally people in Rwanda used to make tools. People made baskets. What did people make?</li> <li>Describing what they used things for</li> <li>They used hoes for digging. What did they use knives for?</li> <li>Describing raw materials</li> <li>People made tools from iron. They made pots from clay.</li> <li>Describing modern handicrafts</li> <li>People make baskets. They make pots near Rwamagana.</li> <li>Describing how to make craft objects</li> <li>The clay is softened. The pots are dried in the sun. What happens next?</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In groups, discuss and match pictures of tools and craft objects with words.</li> <li>In groups, discuss what people made in the past.</li> <li>Match tools with their uses.</li> <li>Match objects with raw materials.</li> <li>Write a short text about objects, their uses and the materials used to make them.</li> <li>Listen to texts about crafts in Rwanda and label a map showing where modern craft objects are made.</li> <li>Sequence a set of sentences describing the process of making a craft object.</li> <li>Complete sentences describing the production process focussing on the passive.</li> </ul>

today and the	Craft objects:
process of	- Pot, domestic tools, furniture,
making an	etc.
object.	Raw materials:
	- Ion, clay, sisal, etc.
	Making pots:
	- Clay, soft, dry, shape, etc.
	Language structures
	- Passive voice: present simple.
	- Used to.
	- Use for +-ing.
	Sounds and spelling
	- Use dictionaries and
	thesauruses to extend and
	develop vocabulary, spelling
	and pronunciation.
Links to other subjects: Arts and crafts: cra	fts, traditional crafts, and making craft objects.
Assessment criteria: Can describe what craf	ts people made, what they used them for and the raw materials they used. Can describe the crafts
people make today and the process of making	an object.
Materials: Pictures, photographs, and maps.	

# **TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

P5 English

Unit 9: Traditional and modern agriculture in Rwanda

No of lessons: 26

**Key Unit Competency**: To use language learnt in the context of traditional and modern agriculture in Rwanda.

Learning objectives				
Knowledge and	Skills	Attitudes and	Content	Learning activities
understanding		values		
- Identify the	- In both speech	- Appreciate the	Language use	- In groups, discuss and match
use of the past	and writing,	role of	Describing tools in the past	pictures with the names of
simple, present	describe tools	agriculture in	- Farmers used axes and	agricultural tools.
simple and the	and farming	the Rwandan	machetes. What tools did	- Match pictures with
future tense.	practises in the	economy and	farmers use?	agricultural processes.
- List farming	past, present	how it	Describing farming in the past	- Listen to a short text about
tools and	and future.	contributes to	- Farmers kept cattle. Did	agriculture in the past. Number
practises from	- Listen to/read	development.	farmers grow coffee?	products from a list in the order
the past and	texts about	- Respect how	Describing agriculture in	in which they are heard.
future.	farming in the	creativity and	current era	- In groups, discuss agriculture in
	past, present	innovation	- Farmers grow beans. Farmers	the past.
	or future. Show	leads to	breed pigs. Farmers use	- Write a short text about
	understanding	change.	tractors. What crops do farmers	agriculture in the past.
	visually or in		grow now?	- In groups, discuss agriculture in
	writing.		Describing current agricultural	the present.
	- In both speech		exports	<ul> <li>Make true/false sentences and</li> </ul>
	and writing,		- Rwanda exports coffee to	give them to others to correct.
	interpret a		Germany. What does Rwanda	- Interpret a table showing
	table showing		export?	Rwanda's exports.
	key		Describing agriculture in the	- Read texts about agriculture in
	agricultural		future	the future, using <i>will</i> .
	exports.		- In the future there will be more	- Complete sentences describing
	- Write a short		tea plantations in Rwanda. In	agriculture in the future, using

text about the	10 years Rwanda will export	will.
future of	more coffee. What will Rwanda	
Rwandan	export?	
agriculture.	Vocabulary	
	Tools:	
	- Axe, hoe, machete, etc.	
	Farming:	
	- Cattle, keep, grow, crop, etc.	
	Exports:	
	- Export, coffee, tea, etc.	
	Language structures	
	- Past simple tense.	
	- Present simple tense.	
	- Future tense with <i>will</i>	
	Sounds and spelling	
	- Use dictionaries and	
	thesauruses to extend and	
	develop vocabulary and	
	spelling and pronunciation.	
Links to other subjects: Social studies: farming, tools, animals of	and crops, and history.	
Assessment criteria: Can describe tools and farming practises in	Rwanda in the past, present and future.	
Materials: Pictures and photographs.		

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION				
P5 English	Unit 10: Geogra	phy of the world		No of lessons: 25
Key Unit Competency: 7	Го use language lea	rnt in the context of	world geography.	
Lear	ning objectives			
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
- Recognize how to use of you can, there       - C         is/are and prepositions of place.       - L         place.       - C         - Identify the basic       m         basic       v         vocabulary of country names, and general features of a country.       s	Drally name countries, continents and capitals. Locate countries on a map of the vorld in both peech and vriting. Read/listen to a short text about a country lescribing key eatures such as position, capital, exports, and ourist lestinations. Show understanding risually or in	- Appreciate the location of Rwanda in the wider world and its role in the global community.	<ul> <li>Language use Naming continents, countries and capitals</li> <li>Rwanda is in Africa. Which continent is China in? What is the capital of South Africa?</li> <li>Describing the position of countries</li> <li>Russia is in the northern hemisphere. Rwanda is south of the equator. DRC is West of Rwanda. Where is Russia situated?</li> <li>Describing the geography of a country</li> <li>Rwanda is a mountainous country. There are deserts in Namibia.</li> <li>Describing a country</li> <li>Kenya is on the east coast of Africa. It has a coastline. The capital city is Nairobi. It exports tea. You can visit national parks.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In groups, discuss and locate countries, continents and capitals on a map.</li> <li>Listen to a short text about the position of countries and label them on a map.</li> <li>In groups, discuss countries, continents and capitals, using a map.</li> <li>Write a short text about countries, continents and capitals, using a map.</li> <li>Write a short text about countries, continents and capitals focussing on prepositions, compass points, etc.</li> <li>Read about a country, its position, exports, tourist destinations, etc. Respond in writing, e.g. answer questions.</li> <li>Make true/false sentences for others to answer.</li> <li>Make a short text about a country and add pictures.</li> </ul>

writing.	Vocabulary			
- Write a short	Country names:			
text about a	- Tanzania, China, Russia, the			
country	USA, etc.			
describing key	Continents:			
features such	- Africa, Asia, Europe, South			
as position,	America, etc.			
capital,	Geographical features:			
exports, and	- Mountain, desert, lowland,			
tourist	mountainous, etc.			
destinations.	Country features:			
	- Coastline, landlocked, export,			
	national park, etc.			
	Language structures			
	- You can.			
	- There is, are.			
	- Prepositions of place: in, on,			
	west of.			
	Sounds and spelling			
	- Use dictionaries and			
	thesauruses to extend and			
	develop vocabulary, spelling			
	and pronunciation.			
Links to other subjects: Social Studies: countries, geographical features, continents, and capitals.				
Assessment criteria: Can name countries, continents and capitals, locate countries on a map of the world, and write a short text about a				
country describing key features such as position, capital, exports, and tourist destinations.				
Materials: Map, photographs, pictures, pencils and drawing paper.				

#### 5.4 English Syllabus for Primary six

## 5.4.1. Key competences at the end of P6

At the end of P6, the learner should be able to:

Differentiate present, past and future events in a range of spoken materials,

Give a short talk and present ideas and findings, expressing opinions and answering simple questions using a variety of structures, Ask questions to clarify and seek information,

Give their point of view in an orderly manner,

Distinguish between present, past and future events in a range of texts and subjects,

Summarise stories they have read explaining their likes and dislikes,

Write longer texts giving and seeking information and opinions using a variety of structures using different tenses.

# 5.4.2 Primary Six Units

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION				
P6 English	Unit 1: Leisure	and sports		No of lessons: 26
Key Unit Competen	<b>cy:</b> To use language lea	arnt in the context of	eisure and sports.	
	Learning objectives	1	_	Learning activities
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	
<ul> <li>Recognise when to use the past simple tense, like +/- ing and determiners of quantity.</li> <li>List the basic vocabulary of leisure activities and sports.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe favourite leisure activities.</li> <li>Orally describe music preferences.</li> <li>Design and orally administer a class questionnaire.</li> <li>Create a bar graph of classmates' leisure time preferences and interpret it orally and in writing.</li> <li>Listen to/read</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Value leisure and sports as recreational and social activities.</li> <li>Appreciate how sports activities build team work.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Talking about what you like doing</li> <li>I like watching TV. She dislikes reading. What do you like doing? Do they like playing football? We prefer reading. What do you prefer doing?</li> <li>Conducting a survey</li> <li>Do you dance? A few people dance.</li> <li>How many people watch football? 40% of people do sports.</li> <li>Describing past activities</li> <li>Last weekend I went shopping. On Sunday we visited my uncle. What did you do last week?</li> <li>Describing famous entertainers</li> <li>I like Tom Close. I like R+B.</li> <li>Describing famous entertainers</li> <li>He was born in Uganda in 1986. He formed his first group in 2006. His best album is <i>Subeza</i>.</li> <li>Describing sportspeople</li> <li>Mathias Ntawulikura is an athlete.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In groups, discuss leisure activities they like or don't like doing.</li> <li>Ask the class questions: who likes playing football? Who doesn't like reading? Learners have to remember and say who likes/doesn't like what, etc.</li> <li>Design a class questionnaire.</li> <li>Use the questionnaire orally.</li> <li>Make a bar graph out of the data.</li> <li>In groups, interpret the graph orally.</li> <li>Match written percentages with numbers, e.g. 15% = fifteen per cent.</li> <li>Write sentences about the graph using percentages.</li> <li>In groups, discuss a past activity (e.g. weekend), paying</li> </ul>

texts about a famous entertainer or sportsperson.         Write a short life history of a famous person.	He competed in the Olympic Games. His best performance was at Atlanta in 1996.attention to the pVocabulary Leisure activities: - Singing, watching TV, reading, etc.Write a letter to f describing a past paying attention to simple.Sports: - Football, volleyball, athletics, etc.Listen to/read a t famous entertaine sportsperson.Percentages: - 40% (forty per cent) Listen to/read a t famous performance, etc.Dorn, compete, form, album, performance, etc Describe the life s famous person, w entertainer or spot- Bast simple tense. - Like, prefer +/-ing. - Determiners of quantity: a few, some, a lot, most Write texts about entertainer or spotSounds and spelling - Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation Write textsn: sports, entertainment, and leisure. Mathematics: graphs Write a letter to f	riend activity, to the past ext about a er or story of a rith support. ous ortsperson. a famous
	e leisure activities, describe music preferences, and describe the life history of a famo	us person.

P6 English	Topic 2: Making future	plans	No of lessons: 26
· · ·	0 0	e context of making future plans.	
	ing objectives		
Knowledge and understanding		ides and Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Recognize</li> <li>When to use</li> <li>would <i>like</i>,</li> <li>going to and</li> <li>adverbials of</li> <li>W</li> <li>time, <i>let's</i> and</li> <li>tir</li> <li>shall we.</li> <li>State the basic</li> <li>vocabulary of</li> <li>List</li> <li>daily activities.</li> <li>pla</li> <li>su</li> <li>ab</li> <li>ma</li> <li>su</li> <li>ab</li> <li>daily</li> <li>ab</li> <li>ab<td>escribe - Approvourite how p urist and estinations. organ rite a skills netable for a people ad a month Value sten to/read physi anned trip or place pout people Rwan aking touris ggestions attrace</td><td>eciateLanguage useblanningDescribing tourist desting- I'd like to go to VolcanoeshisationalNational Park. Where workhelpyou like to go?e plan forDescribing a tripe events Tomorrow I'm going to vtheKigali. Next year we are going to visit my aunt. When arecalto visit my aunt. When ares ofgoing to visit your parentda asweek?</td><td>sRwanda.ould- Listen to/read texts about a planned trip. - Plan a trip to somewhere in Rwanda.going- Write about a trip paying attention to going to.you- Read texts about a plans for person's day tomorrow. - Write about tomorrow paying attention to going to.0 am Make a short oral class presentation about tomorrow.0 am Teacher reads out learners' texts and learners guess who wrote it.</td></li></ul>	escribe - Approvourite how p urist and estinations. organ rite a skills netable for a people ad a month Value sten to/read physi anned trip or place pout people Rwan aking touris ggestions attrace	eciateLanguage useblanningDescribing tourist desting- I'd like to go to VolcanoeshisationalNational Park. Where workhelpyou like to go?e plan forDescribing a tripe events Tomorrow I'm going to vtheKigali. Next year we are going to visit my aunt. When arecalto visit my aunt. When ares ofgoing to visit your parentda asweek?	sRwanda.ould- Listen to/read texts about a planned trip. - Plan a trip to somewhere in Rwanda.going- Write about a trip paying attention to going to.you- Read texts about a plans for person's day tomorrow. - Write about tomorrow paying attention to going to.0 am Make a short oral class presentation about tomorrow.0 am Teacher reads out learners' texts and learners guess who wrote it.

	<ul> <li>A trip:</li> <li>Visit, travel, come back, see, go shopping, picnic, outing, etc.</li> <li>Language structure</li> <li>Adverbials of time: at 6.00 am, in the afternoon, etc.</li> <li>Future with going to.</li> <li>Let's, shall we?</li> <li>Sounds and spelling</li> <li>Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation.</li> </ul>	to <i>let's</i> and <i>shall we.</i>		
Links to other subjects: Kinyarwanda and	cial studies: a journey and diaries.			
Assessment criteria: Can describe favourite tourist destinations, describe a planned trip, describe planned activities, and make suggestions				
about what to do.				
Materials: Photographs, pictures, and diary.				

P6 English	Unit 3: Weath	er		No of lessons: 25
		earnt in the context of	weather.	-
	earning objectives			
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Recognise when to use the present simple and continuous tenses.</li> <li>Identify the present continuous tense with future meaning, the first conditional, and the future with <i>will</i>.</li> <li>List basic vocabulary about the weather.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe current weather.</li> <li>Interpret a weather chart for the next week.</li> <li>In both, speech and writing, describe plans for future events in relation to the weather.</li> <li>Listen to/read texts on future weather or Rwandan climate.</li> <li>Interpret climate graphs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appreciate how weather forecast helps people plan for the future.</li> <li>Respect the value of group work and individuals contributions.</li> </ul>	Language useTalking about the weather now- The sun is shining. Is it raining? It's raining. What's the weather like?Predicting the weather- On Sunday it will rain. Tomorrow will be hot. What will the weather be like on Sunday? Will it rain? On Saturday the temperature will be high.Planning future events - If it rains, we will play football. What will you do if it is sunny?Describing future plans - We're going to Kigali. I'm wearing my T-shirt. She's taking an umbrella.Describing seasons - In the rainy season it rains. The	<ul> <li>Match pictures and sentences about weather.</li> <li>In groups, discuss the current weather, paying attention to the present continuous tense.</li> <li>Write sentences about a weather chart.</li> <li>In groups, discuss plans for the weekend.</li> <li>Write plans for the weekend.</li> <li>Listen to a weather forecast and show understanding by filling in a weather timetable.</li> <li>Talk about climate graphs for Rwanda showing temperature and rainfall in different places.</li> <li>Read texts about the Rwandan climate.</li> <li>Construct graphs about the Rwandan climate.</li> </ul>

highest is September. Rainfall is
low in July.
Vocabulary
Weather:
- Sunny, rain, weather, hot, etc.
Annual climate:
- Rainfall, temperature, dry, high,
etc.
Language structure
- Present simple tense.
- Present continuous tense.
- Present continuous tense with
future meaning.
- First conditional.
- Future with will.
Sounds and spelling
- Use dictionaries and
thesauruses to extend and
develop vocabulary, spelling
and pronunciation.
eather chart for the next week, describe plans for future events in relation to
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# **TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

#### P6 English

**Unit 4:** Behaviour, rules and laws

No of lessons: 25

**Key Unit Competency:** To use language learnt in the context of behaviour, rules and laws.

Learning objectives				
Knowledge and	Skills	Attitudes and	Content	Learning activities
understanding		values		
- Recognise	- Describe	- Respect the	Language use	- In groups, discuss the character
when to use	people's	rules and laws	Describing people	of friends and acquaintances.
the first	character.	of the school,	- Eric is honest. What is Eric like?	- Read/listen to texts about
conditional	- Describe social	community	I like Eric because he is	social behaviour in the
and <i>should</i> ,	behaviour in	and country.	hardworking	community.
must.	the community	- Appreciate the	Describing social behaviour	- In groups, discuss and give
- List the basic	- Listen to/read	importance of	- Drug taking is a problem in our	opinions on morality related to
vocabulary of	texts about	good	community. People smoke a lot	social behaviour, using should,
character,	character or	behaviour and	in our community. People don't	with support.
social	about social	contributing to	drink too much.	- Write sentences giving opinions
behaviour,	behaviour in	society.	Giving opinions on morality	on morality related to social
laws and	the		- You shouldn't smoke. Should	behaviour, using should.
punishment/	community.		she take drugs? I think people	- Learners revise the features of
penalty/	- Give opinions		shouldn't drink too much.	a good poster.
sentence.	on morality,		Making school rules	- Work in groups, agree some
	both orally and		- We must clean the classroom.	ideal school rules and write
	in writing,		We must not make a lot of	them on the poster.
	using <i>should</i> .		noise.	- Hold an exhibition of the
	- Read/listen to		Describing laws	posters.
	textsa bout		- We must pay our taxes. We	- Read a text on laws and
	laws and		must not steal.	punishment with <i>must</i> and
	punishment.		Describing punishment	<i>mustn't</i> . Take guided notes
	Show		- If you steal, you will be	using the 2 columns with <i>must</i>
	understanding		arrested.	and <i>mustn't.</i>

in writing. - Formulate school rules	Vocabulary Character:	- Match halves of sentences about breaking laws using <i>if</i>
and write them	- Kind, honest, hardworking, lazy, etc.	<i>you then</i> - Write sentences on the
on posters	Social behaviour:	consequences of breaking laws,
using <i>must</i> ,	- Smoke, take drugs, alcohol,	paying attention to the first
mustn't.	drink, etc.	conditional.
	School rules:	
	- Clean, noise, keep, etc.	
	Laws and punishment:	
	- Arrest, prison, tax, steal, etc.	
	Language structure	
	- First conditional.	
	- Modal verbs: should, must	
	Sounds and spelling	
	- Use dictionaries and	
	thesauruses to extend and	
	develop vocabulary, spelling	
	and pronunciation.	
Links to other subjects: Social studies: Law,	antisocial behaviour, morality, and school rules.	
Assessment criteria: Can describe people's ch	haracter, describe social behaviour in the community, give op	nions on morality, and formulate
school rules.		
Materials: Pictures, and photographs.		

P6 English	Unit 5: Family	relationships		No of lessons: 25
Key Unit Competer	<b>ncy:</b> To use language l	earnt in the context o	f family relationships.	·
Learning objectives				
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Recognise when to use the past simple tense and clauses with <i>because.</i></li> <li>State the vocabulary of family relationships, personality, and emotions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Construct and describe a family tree both orally and in writing.</li> <li>Describe people's personalities and say why they like them, in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Listen to texts about the family or family relationships.</li> <li>Read texts about the family or family relationships.</li> <li>Write a short description of</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appreciate the role of family in our daily lives.</li> <li>Respect the importance of maintaining good family relationships.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Language use</li> <li>Describing a family tree</li> <li>This is my grandfather. She had four daughters. He married my aunt.</li> <li>Describing family members</li> <li>Eric is my brother-in-law.</li> <li>Chantal is her cousin. How many brothers have you got? I've got four cousins.</li> <li>Describing personalities</li> <li>My grandmother is strict/demanding. What is your grandmother like?</li> <li>Saying who you like</li> <li>I like Chantal. Who does she like?</li> <li>Describing a family member and their life story</li> <li>She is 45 years old. She was born in 1970. She went to secondary school. She qualified as a nurse. She married my father when she was 24. At</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Construct a family tree with grandparents, parents and siblings. Add cousins, aunts, and uncles.</li> <li>Present the family tree orally to a group or the whole class.</li> <li>In groups, discuss photographs of family members and describe their relationships.</li> <li>Write sentences about relationships in the family</li> <li>Collect a list of adjectives and classify into 2 groups: positive and negative e.g. strict, friendly, cold, kind.</li> <li>In groups, discuss family members' personalities, who they like and why.</li> <li>Listen to a text about the family or about a family member.</li> <li>Read scrambled sentences about a family member and put them in an appropriate order.</li> <li>Write a short description of a</li> </ul>

a family	home she cooks the meals. I like	family member and their life
member.	her because she is kind.	story.
	Vocabulary	- Read texts about family
	Family relationships:	members.
	- Father-in-law, cousin, mother,	
	etc.	
	Feelings:	
	- Sad, happy, bored, angry, etc.	
	Personality:	
	- Strict, friendly, cold, kind, etc.	
	Language structure	
	- Have got.	
	- What is he like?	
	- Clauses with because.	
	- Past simple tense.	
	Sounds and spelling	
	- Use dictionaries and	
	thesauruses to extend and	
	develop vocabulary, spelling	
	and pronunciation.	
Links to other subjects: Kinyarwanda, French and		
	family tree, describe people's personalities and say wi	hy they like them, and write a short
description of a family member.		
Materials: Drawing paper and pens, pictures, photo	graphs, and family tree.	

### **TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

P6 English

**Unit 6:** Reading books, writing composition and examinations.

No of lessons: 25

**Key subject competency:** To use language learnt in the context of books, composition writing and examinations.

I	Learning objectives			Loorning activities
Knowledge and	Skills	Attitudes and	Content	Learning activities
understanding		values		
- Recognise	- Read a story	- Appreciate that	Language use	- Skim a text and choose from 3
when to use	and retell it	preparation for	Finding information in books	sentences which one best fits
the key skills of	orally and in	examinations	- Skim the text and find out what	the text. Learners scan texts for
reading and	writing.	takes time and	it is about. Scan the text and	particular information e.g.
composition	- Find	commitment.	find out what happened in	dates/people/places.
writing,	information in		2010. Look up the information	- Find information using a table
answering	textbooks		in the index. Find the topic in	of contents and index.
examination	using a table of		the table of contents.	- Read a story and retell it orally
questions, and	contents and		Reading stories	and in writing.
the language of	index.		- One morning Mutesi set out	- Read and discuss the meaning
key school	- Find		early to go to market with her	of examination questions.
language	information in		basket on her head.	- Practise writing simple
functions.	texts using		Writing compositions	examination questions and/or
- State the basic	skimming and		- Plan your writing. Write notes.	answers.
vocabulary of	scanning.		Write your text. Check your	- Read short texts showing the
the use of	- Understand		work. Evaluate the grammar.	key features of a few common
books and of	examination		Recounting	school language functions.
key school	questions and		- World War II ended in 1945.	- Practise writing short texts.
language	write simple		Explaining	- Plan writing using notes
functions.	examination		- I think it's because it's warmer	- Evaluate your own and other's
	answers.		in July. The reason is that plants	writing in relation to
	- Plan texts		need sunlight.	punctuation, grammar, etc.
	using notes.		Defining	

TAT 1		
- Write texts and	- A mammal is a vertebrate	
evaluate them	which has hair and feeds its	
in relation to	young with milk.	
grammar,	Contrasting	
punctuation,	- Natural light is not manmade,	
and spelling.	but human beings make	
	artificial light.	
	Understanding instructions in	
	examinations	
	- Fill in the blanks. Underline.	
	Answer the question. Put the	
	words in the correct order.	
	Classify. Write a composition.	
	Responding to instructions in	
	examinations	
	- In paragraph 2 the writer says	
	The reason is	
	- There are three reasons;	
	firstly There are four types	
	of I think The reporter said:	
	 Vocabulary	
	Reading:	
	- Skim, scan, table of contents,	
	index, etc.	
	Composition:	
	- Plan, compose, notes, check,	
	evaluate, etc.	
	Connectors:	
	- Firstly, for example, however,	
	another reason is, etc.	
	Examination questions:	

	- Underline, classify, explain,					
	define, etc.					
	Language structure					
	- Language of composition and					
	examination answers.					
	- Features of key language					
	functions.					
Sounds and spelling						
- Use dictionaries and						
thesauruses to extend and						
	develop vocabulary, spelling					
	and pronunciation.					
Links to other subjects: Kinyarwanda: books, examinations, and composition.						
Assessment criteria: Can read a story and retell it orally and in writing, find information in textbooks using the table of contents and index,						
skim, scan, understand examination questions and write simple examination answers, plan writing using notes, evaluate writing, and use						
common school language functions in writing.						
Materials: Textbooks and story books.						

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION					
P6 English	Unit 7: Anima	ls		No of lessons: 25	
Key Unit competen	cy: To use language lea	arnt in the context of	animals.		
	Learning objectives				
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities	
<ul> <li>Recognise when to use the past simple and continuous tenses.</li> <li>List the basic vocabulary of prehistoric animals and classifying animals.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognise and pronounce sounds and use rhythm and stress correctly.</li> <li>Spell correctly.</li> <li>Punctuate accurately.</li> <li>Describe prehistoric animals in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Describe the experience of seeing an animal in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Classify animals in both speech and writing.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appreciate the diverse flora and fauna found on the planet.</li> <li>Respect the environment and the animals of the planet.</li> </ul>	Language useDescribing prehistoric animals- The brachiosaurus was verylarge. It was the heaviestdinosaur. It grew up to 23metres. The archaeopteryx wasa bird. It ate insects. It hadsharp teeth. How big was thediplodocus? What did it looklike? What did it eat?Classifying animals- Vertebrates have a backbone.Fish are vertebrates. Birds havefeathers. Fish live in water.Birds lay eggs. Mammals havehair. Mammals are warm-blooded. Insects have six ormore legs. Molluscs have hardshells. Do birds lay eggs? Howmany legs do insects have?Recounting personalexperiences of seeing animals- I saw a monkey at the side ofthe road. It was eating. It was	<ul> <li>Match pictures of prehistoric animals with words.</li> <li>Match pictures of modern Rwandan animals with words.</li> <li>Listen to texts of someone describing when they saw an animal, focusing on the past continuous.</li> <li>In groups, discuss reactions after seeing an animal, paying attention to the past continuous, with support, e.g. sentence starters.</li> <li>Write about seeing an animal in a forest, paying attention to the past continuous.</li> <li>Read a text about prehistoric animals and fill in a tick chart or table with columns about size, food, and type of animal.</li> <li>Write texts about a prehistoric animals, with support, e.g. a writing frame.</li> <li>In groups, discuss and interpret</li> </ul>	

and pronunciation	<ul> <li>Listen to texts on prehistoric animals or on classifying animals.</li> <li>Read texts on prehistoric animals or on classifying animals.</li> <li>Write texts on prehistoric animals or on classifying animals or on classifying animals.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Animal appearance:</li> <li>Sharp teeth, warm blooded, long, heavy, etc.</li> <li>Classifying animals:</li> <li>Vertebrates, egg, hair, mollusc, mammal, etc.</li> <li>Language structure</li> <li>Adjectives: sharp, large.</li> <li>Past simple tense: declarative and questions with how many, what, how big?</li> <li>Past continuous tense.</li> <li>Sounds and spelling</li> <li>Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary, spelling</li> </ul>	a chart showing animal categories and examples. - Write about a chart showing animal categories and examples.
and pronunciation.		and pronunciation.	
Links to other subjects: Social studies: animals, classifying animals, and prehistoric animals.			
Assessment criteria: Can describe prehistoric animals, describe the experience of seeing an animal, and classify animals. Materials: Chart, photographs, and pictures.			

FOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION					
P6 English	Unit 7: Animal	S		No of lessons: 25	
Key Unit competen	<b>cy:</b> To use language lea	arnt in the context of	animals.	· ·	
	Learning objectives				
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities	
<ul> <li>Recognise when to use the past simple and continuous tenses.</li> <li>List the basic vocabulary of prehistoric animals and classifying animals.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognise and pronounce sounds and use rhythm and stress correctly.</li> <li>Spell correctly.</li> <li>Punctuate accurately.</li> <li>Describe prehistoric animals in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Describe the experience of seeing an animal in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Classify animals in both speech and</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appreciate the diverse flora and fauna found on the planet.</li> <li>Respect the environment and the animals of the planet.</li> </ul>	Language useDescribing prehistoric animals- The brachiosaurus was verylarge. It was the heaviestdinosaur. It grew up to 23metres. The archaeopteryx wasa bird. It ate insects. It hadsharp teeth. How big was thediplodocus? What did it looklike? What did it eat?Classifying animals- Vertebrates have a backbone.Fish are vertebrates. Birds havefeathers. Fish live in water.Birds lay eggs. Mammals havehair. Mammals are warm-blooded. Insects have six ormore legs. Molluscs have hardshells. Do birds lay eggs? Howmany legs do insects have?Recounting personalexperiences of seeing animals- I saw a monkey at the side of	<ul> <li>Match pictures of prehistoric animals with words.</li> <li>Match pictures of modern Rwandan animals with words.</li> <li>Listen to texts of someone describing when they saw an animal, focusing on the past continuous.</li> <li>In groups, discuss reactions after seeing an animal, paying attention to the past continuous, with support, e.g. sentence starters.</li> <li>Write about seeing an animal in a forest, paying attention to the past continuous.</li> <li>Read a text about prehistoric animals and fill in a tick chart or table with columns about size, food, and type of animal.</li> <li>Write texts about a prehistoric animals, with support, e.g. a writing frame.</li> </ul>	

writing.         - Listen to texts         on prehistoric         animals or on         classifying         animals.         - Read texts on         prehistoric         animals or on         classifying         animals or on         classifying         animals.         - Write texts on         prehistoric         animals.         - Write texts on         prehistoric         animals or on         classifying         animals.         Write texts on         prehistoric         animals or on         classifying         animals.	<ul> <li>the road. It was eating. It was looking for food. What was it doing?</li> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Animal appearance: <ul> <li>Sharp teeth, warm blooded, long, heavy, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Classifying animals: <ul> <li>Vertebrates, egg, hair, mollusc, mammal, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Language structure <ul> <li>Adjectives: sharp, large.</li> <li>Past simple tense: declarative and questions with how many, what, how big?</li> <li>Past continuous tense.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sounds and spelling <ul> <li>Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In groups, discuss and interpret a chart showing animal categories and examples.</li> <li>Write about a chart showing animal categories and examples.</li> </ul>		
Assessment criteria: Can describe prehistoric animals, describe the experience of seeing an animal, and classify animals.				
Materials: Chart, photographs, and pictures.				

TOPIC AREA: ORAL	AND WRITTEN COM	MUNICATION		
P6 English	Unit 8: Enviror	iment		No of lessons: 25
Key Unit Competen	<b>cy:</b> To use language lea	arnt in the context of	the environment.	
I	earning objectives			
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities
<ul> <li>Recognise when to use the first conditional and <i>should</i>, <i>need to</i>.</li> <li>List the basic vocabulary of natural resources and environmental protection.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Name natural resources and what they provide, both orally and in writing.</li> <li>Name key districts in which natural resources are found and locate them on a map.</li> <li>Listen to texts about dangers to the environment or environmental protection.</li> <li>Read texts about dangers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Appreciate the environmental features of Rwanda.</li> <li>Respect and protect the environment.</li> </ul>	Language useTalking about resources- We get wood from forests. We get water from rivers. Where do we get wood?Describing the location of key resources in Rwanda- In Muhanga district they keep cattle. In Gatsibo district there are lakes. Near Komonyi there are coltan mines.Talking about dangers to the environment- We use too many chemicals. We cut down forests. We kill wild animals. If we cut down too many trees, there will be floods.Talking about protecting the environment- We should build terraces. We need to prevent soil erosion by building terraces. How should	<ul> <li>In groups discuss and match pictures of natural resources with words.</li> <li>Label a map showing the location of key natural resources.</li> <li>In groups discuss the location of resources.</li> <li>Write sentences about the location of resources.</li> <li>Listen to texts about the location of resources and label a map.</li> <li>Read a text about the dangers to the environment and decide which ones are most serious.</li> <li>Write sentences about dangers to the environment paying attention to if-clauses.</li> <li>Read a text about environment protection focussing on <i>ought to</i>.</li> </ul>

to the environment or environmental protection. - List dangers to the natural environment. - Write texts about protecting the environment.	we protect the environment? How should we prevent soil erosion?- Write sentences about environmental protection, paying attention to should, ought to using support, e.g. match sentence beginnings and endings.Vocabulary Resources: animals, etc.match sentence beginnings and endings.Damage to the environment: - Cut down, flood, erosion, etc.match sentence beginnings and endings.Environmental protection: - Terrace, prevent, build, REMA, etc.Terrace, prevent, build, REMA, etc.Language structure - Modal verbs: should, need to. - First conditional.Sounds and spelling enditional and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation.How should enditional.			
Links to other subjects: Social studies: pollution, environment, and environmental protection.				
Assessment criteria: Can name natural resources and what they provide, name key districts in which natural resource are found, list dangers				
to the environment, and list measures for environmental protection.				
Materials: Photographs and pictures.				

TOPIC AREA: ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION					
P6 English	Unit 9: Mainta	ining harmony in the	family.	No of lessons: 25	
Key Unit Competen	Key Unit Competency: To use language learnt in the context of r		maintaining harmony in the family.		
Ι	earning objectives				
Knowledge and understanding	Skills	Attitudes and values	Content	Learning activities	
<ul> <li>Recognise when to use should and ought to, tell someone to, want to and will.</li> <li>List the basic vocabulary of household jobs and family rules.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe household jobs and who does them, both orally and in writing.</li> <li>Give commands orally and report on the commands in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Listen to texts about household jobs or family quarrels.</li> <li>Read texts about household jobs or family quarrels.</li> </ul>	- Appreciate the roles and responsibilities of family members.	Language useDescribing jobs in the familyhousehold- In our house I have to sweepthe floor. My mother cooks thefood. What do you have to do?Describing what parents say- Sweep the floor. Make the beds.Set the table. Fetch water.Describing what parentsrequire- They tell me to fetch water.What do they tell you to do?Reporting family quarrels- I wanted to go out with myfriends. They told me to cleanthe house.Saying why someone was angry- I was angry with my mother.Why were you angry? Becauseshe told me to clean the house.Giving advice- I think you ought to apologise.	<ul> <li>Match pictures of household jobs with sentences.</li> <li>Role play parents giving commands.</li> <li>Report the commands in writing using <i>tell/told to</i>.</li> <li>Listen to/read texts on a family quarrel.</li> <li>Write sentences about family quarrels paying attention to: <i>I</i> wanted to, they told me to</li> <li>In groups, discuss when someone was angry, using support, e.g. sentence starters.</li> <li>Write texts about why someone was angry, using support, e.g. sentence starters.</li> <li>Read texts about a family quarrel and give advice about what people should do paying attention to should and ought to.</li> <li>In groups, discuss family rules</li> </ul>	

<ul> <li>Describe family quarrels in writing.</li> <li>Give advice orally and in writing.</li> <li>Write rules for family behaviour.</li> </ul>	What do you think she should do?and write rules on a poster, paying attention to will.Talking about family rules- Match word stress patternsWe will say sorry when we are wrong. We will be polite. We will not make too much noise Match word stress patternsVocabulary Household jobs: - Fetch water, clean the house, sweep the floor, etc Match word stress patternsQuarrels: - Angry, sorry, apologise, etc Angry, sorry, apologise, etc.Family rules: - Wrong, sorry, polite, respect, etc Modal verbs: should, ought to. - Will (intention) Reported commands: tell, told to Wiel (cinoaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation.ad social studies: family jobs, quarrels, and family rules Match word stress patterns
<b>Assessment criteria:</b> Can describe househol advice, and write rules for family behaviour.	l jobs and who does them; give commands and report on them, describe family quarrels, give
Materials: Pictures, photographs, poster pap	er, and pens.

P6 EnglishUnit 10: The solar system				No of lessons: 25			
<b>Key Unit Competency:</b> To use language learnt in the context of t			the solar system				
Learning objectivesKnowledge and understandingSkillsAttitudes and values			Content	Learning activities			
<ul> <li>Recognize when to use comparatives and superlatives, and measurements of distance.</li> <li>State the basic vocabulary of the solar system and space travel.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe the planets of the solar system and their distances and diameters, in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Compare the planets in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Describe key features of the planets and the number of moons, in both speech and writing.</li> <li>Listen to texts about the planets or</li> </ul>	- Appreciate how discoveries and inventions help us learn more about the world and the solar system.	Language useDescribing the solar system- There are nine planets. Venus is nearest to the sun. Jupiter is the biggest planet. Jupiter is 143,000 kilometres across. Mercury has a diameter of 4,880 kilometres. Which is the smallest planet? Pluto is smaller than the earth.Describing distances in space- Jupiter is 778,500,000 kilometres from the sun. How far is Pluto from the sun? Pluto is the farthest from the sun.Describing planets- Mercury is made of rock. What is Saturn made of? The temperature on Venus is 480°C. Which is the coldest planet?Describing moons - The Earth has one moon. How	<ul> <li>Read texts about the solar system, planets and their distances and diameters.</li> <li>Label a diagram of the solar system with the names of the planets.</li> <li>Make a space line showing which planets are the nearest/furthest away from the Sun.</li> <li>In groups, discuss a diagram of the solar system, focussing on distances and diameters, with support, e.g. a substitution table.</li> <li>Write about the solar system, focussing on distances and diameters, with support, e.g. a substitution table.</li> <li>Listen to a text about the solar system and take guided notes using a table with headings</li> </ul>			

- Read texts about the planets or space travel. - Write texts about the solar system and the planets.	Recounting key events in space travelthe Sun, diameter, temperature, etc In 1977 a spacecraft landed on Mars. In 1961 Yuri Gagarin travelled into space.the Sun, diameter, temperature, etc.Vocabulary Planets: - Earth, Saturn, Venus, Pluto, etc Read texts about space travel.Features of planets: - Temperature, hot, moon, rock, etc Write sentences on a time line Temperature, hot, moon, rock, etc Put the sentences on a time line Space travel: - Spacecraft, astronaut, land, etc. - Large numbers: 700,000 (seven hundred thousand) Put the sentences on a time line Comparatives, superlatives. - Measurements of diameter, distance. - Past simple tense Past simple tense.Sounds and spelling - Use dictionaries and thesauruses to extend and develop vocabulary, spelling and pronunciation Space travel.
	of the solar system and their distances and diameters, compare the planets, and describe key
features of the planets and the number of mo <b>Materials:</b> Chart of solar system, photograph	

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#### P1 TERM 1 ENGLISH SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Term	Term 1								
Weeks	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Letter study/Alphabet	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Recognize and name letter a to h (lower and upper)						Х	R	R	R
Recognize and name the letters i to p (lower and upper)							Х	R	R
Recognize and name the letters q to z (lower and upper)								Х	R
2. PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS (SOUNDS)									
Identifying (hearing and saying) the initial sound or phoneme in simple in three-phoneme (consonant-vowel-consonant, or CVC) words. (This									
does not include CVCs ending with /l/, /r/, /x/.) "You can hear the first sound in a word [s-u-n]." "You can say a word to hear the first sound." (use words									
with initial sounds between a and h)									
Words with initial sounds between a and h						Х	R	R	R
Words with initial sounds between i to p							Х	R	R
Word with initial sound between q to Z								Х	R
Hearing and identifying words that begin with the same sound or phoneme "Some words sound the same at the beginning [race, run]." "Some									
words sound the same at the end [win, fun]."									
Words with initial sounds between a and h						Х	R	R	R
Words with initial sounds between i to p							Х	R	R
Word with initial sound between q to Z								Х	R
Identifying (hearing and saying) the end sound or phoneme in a word "You can hear the last sound in a word [r-u-n]." "You can say a word to hear the last sound."									
Hearing and identifying words that end with the same sound or phoneme "Some words sound the same at the end [win, fun]."									
Identifying the middle sound in a word									
Playing with phonemes at the word level									
Segmenting words into phonemes (ie Hearing and saying individual phonemes (sounds) into words) (Using imaginary elastic to stretch out words									
and hear each sound) "You can say each sound in a word [b-a-t]." "You can say a word slowly."									
"You can say the sounds of a word [m-a-k, make]."									
Blending two or three phonemes to make a word "You can blend sounds together to say a word [d-o-g=dog]." (opposite of above)									
Blending onsets with rimes "You can blend word parts together [d-og, dog]."									
Adding phonemes to the end of words to make new words									
"You can add sounds to the end of a word [an + d=and]."									

## Phonemic Character Keyboard

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#### The sounds of English

When writing English we use the **26 letters** of the alphabet. Spoken English has more than **26** sounds though. There are roughly **44 different sounds**. Therefore it's not very easy only to use the letters of the alphabet to show the pronunciation of English.

There is a system which uses a group of **symbols**. Some of these symbols look the same as letters and some are very different. You can use these symbols to write out the pronunciation of words and in many dictionaries for English learners you will see the pronunciation written out.

To show that what is written are **sounds** and **not letters** the transcriptions are written between slashes, / /. For example, the pronunciation of the word 'pet' is written: /pet/.

In this example the sound symbols look exactly the same as the letters. You can only tell we are talking about pronunciation rather than spelling because of the / /. However, some words look very different when you see their pronunciation. /tfs:tf/ is the word 'church'.

#### Sounds and letters

Vowel sounds are not the same as vowel letters. The word European begins with the vowel letter 'E' but the first sound is actually a consonant sound /j/. So, when speaking the word European will be preceded by the article 'a' and not 'an'.

#### Sounds and spelling

It's important to note that the spelling of a word is not always an accurate guide to how it is pronounced. Similarly the pronunciation of a word is not always helpful when working out how that word should be spelt.

There are 26 letters in the English alphabet but there are many more sounds in the English language. This means that the number of sounds in a word is not always the same as the number of letters. For example, the word 'CAT' has three letters and three sounds but the word 'CATCH' has five letters but still only three sounds.

If we write these words using sound symbols, we can see exactly how many sounds they have.

CAT is written / kæt/CATCH is written / kætʃ/

In 'CATCH' the three letters TCH are one sound represented by one symbol / ff /

#### Stress and syllable

Stress could be roughly described as the relative strength of a syllable. We can study stress from the point of view of production and of perception. The production of stress is generally believed to depend on the speaker using more muscular energy than is used for unstressed syllables.

A syllable is a very important unit. We can divide a word into one or more syllables. For example *mum* has one syllable, *mother* has two syllables and *grandmother* has three syllables. A syllable is a group of one or more sounds. The essential part of a syllable is a vowel sound (V). Some syllables are just one vowel sound. Fr example, these words have one syllable, and the syllable is just one vowel sound: eye or I /aɪ /, owe /əʊ/, ear / ɪə/. A syllable can have consonant sounds (C) before the V: go, my, know, weigh, after the V: if, egg, ice, eight or before and after the V: ten, nose, mouth, knife

# Subject and Weekly Time Allocation for Upper Primary Level

Subjects in Primary 4 – 6	Weight (%)	Number of periods (1 period = 40 min.)					
		P4	<b>P</b> 5	<b>P</b> <sub>6</sub>			
1. Kinyarwanda	13	4	4	4			
2. English	23	7	7	7			
3. Mathematics	23	7	7	7			
4. Social and Religious Studies	13	4	4	4			
5. Sciences and Elementary Technologies	17	5	5	5			
6. Creative arts: Music, Dance and Drama, Fine arts and crafts	3	1	1	1			
7. Physical Education and Sports	3	1	1	1			
8. French	3	1	1	1			
Total number of periods per week	100	30	30	30			
Total number of contact hours per week		20 hrs	20 hrs	20 hrs			
Total number of contact hours per year (39 weeks)		780 hours /year					