

One final word about curriculum

During this module, you have designed a carefully sequenced and coherent scheme of work. This will act as a guide for you and any other teachers you share it with. When it comes to teaching your scheme of work, remember that it serves you best as a roadmap.

A roadmap will show the destination (the 'what' and 'why' of the content to be taught) and the best route to get there (the teaching practices and materials most likely to lead to successful learning). As you begin to follow the roadmap you have planned, remember to be flexible by adjusting your route to the needs of your pupils as the scheme unfolds.

Evaluate and amend your scheme

Your scheme of work should be a dynamic and evolving guide. As you are teaching it, reflect on what's working well and what isn't. Make adaptations to it as you go, responding to the strengths and needs of your pupils as they emerge. Keep a note of these changes and add comments to help you to evaluate the success of the scheme as a whole. That way, you can make amendments and improvements for the next time you teach it.

How will you know if your scheme is a success?

Note that one key indicator of the success of a scheme of work is that at any stage, you can explain why you are teaching something, and your pupils understand why they are learning it. If we understand how a scheme of work links to the bigger picture, we can help our pupils to make these connections and the learning becomes more motivating and meaningful for everyone.

Collaborate!

Finally, it's worth adding the best curriculum design happens when teachers work together. So, proactively seek out opportunities to work with other teachers, contributing to curriculum development in your school and beyond.