

# London Waldorf School Curriculum

MAIN LESSON BLOCKS				
Subject	Pre-School Kindergarten	Primary Grades 1-3	Middle Grades 4-6	Upper Grades 7-8
<b>LITERATURE &amp; HISTORY</b>	Fairy Tales, verses, seasonal festivals	Fairy/folk tales, fables and legends	Norse sagas, stories of ancient civilizations, Greek, Roman and Medieval history	Renaissance and Age of Discovery, North American and modern history
<b>LANGUAGE ARTS</b>	Storytelling, drama, puppetry, marionettes, folk tales, verses, poetry, fairy tales	Pictorial introduction to the alphabet, descriptive writing, reading, phonics, spelling, beginning grammar, recitation and drama	Composition, book reports, letter writing, reading, spelling, grammar, syntax, recitation and drama	Creative writing, essays, research papers, poetic forms, spelling, grammar and a major play production
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	Measuring for cooking and baking, sorting, counting games	Numbers and counting, times tables, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, mental arithmetic, measurement	Review of four operations, long division, factoring, fractions, decimals, percentage, geometric drawing	Business math, graphing, algebra, perimeter, area, volume, root, power, formulae, equations, number bases, geometric solids
<b>SCIENCE &amp; GEOGRAPHY</b>	Gardening (planting, cultivating, harvesting) cooking, nature walks, seasonal themes	Nature stories, direct observation of nature, composting, farming, rhythms and cycles in nature, house building	The human being and animals, gardening, botany, physics, geology, home surroundings, local geography, geography of Canada, the USA, Latin America and South America	Physiology, nutrition, first aid, chemistry, physics, astronomy, geography of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and Antarctica
<b>SOCIAL &amp; ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES</b>	Composting, recycling; collecting for food bank, preparing daily snack for class, shoe polishing, festival preparation, nurturing kindness and generosity	Composting, recycling, collections for food bank, festival preparation, nurturing kindness and generosity and good communication	Composting, recycling, collections for food bank, festival preparation, nurturing kindness and generosity, good communication, interpersonal skills and governance through class meetings and other means	Composting, recycling, energy conservation, renewable energy generation, festival preparation, mentoring and leadership, communication, interpersonal skills and governance through class meetings and other means, regular community service opportunities

## SUBJECT LESSONS

Subject	Pre-School Kindergarten	Primary Grades 1-3	Middle Grades 4-6	Upper Grades 7-8
<b>FOREIGN LANGUAGES</b>	Seasonal songs, cultural festivals	French and German taught orally by imitation through games, songs, recitation, plays and short conversations	Beginning grammar, written work, reading, dictations, vocabulary, questions and answers, songs, recitation and plays	Reading, oral and written questions and answers, grammar dictations, recitation, songs, historical anecdotes and biographies
<b>MUSIC</b>	Singing, folk dances, musical instruments, dancing games	Pentatonic songs, pentatonic fipple flute, rhythmic instruments, soprano recorder, beginning music notation, rounds, seasonal and folksongs	Two and three part singing, songs of minstrels and the middle ages, soprano/alto/tenor recorders, major and minor scales, music theory, orchestra or ensemble playing	Ballads, Renaissance and Elizabethan music, spirituals, folk songs, soprano/alto/tenor recorders, orchestra or ensemble playing
<b>DRAWING/PAINTING/VISUAL ARTS</b>	Sculpting, colour watercolour painting	Use of block and stick beeswax crayons, form drawing of linear patterns, symmetry, and mirror drawing, watercolour painting (wet on wet - primary and secondary colour exercises), form from colour	Free hand geometric drawing, ink pens and calligraphy, form drawing, exact geometric drawing.  Painting becomes more expressive and defined, colour contrasts, the spectrum	Black and white drawing, perspective drawing, three-dimensional geometric drawing. painting wet and dry transparent colours, colour perspective
<b>HANDWORK/MODELLING/WOODWORK</b>	Carding wool, sewing, woodwork, textiles, needlework	Knitting on two needles, simple crochet, sewing, developing senses for form and colour, beeswax modeling of simple shapes, animals and scenes from stories	Cross stitch embroidery, knitting on four needles, sewing, clay modeling of animals and geometric shapes, making objects out of wood that are both beautiful and functional	Sewing and embroidery using patterns, machine sewing, tailoring, more complex woodworking projects, human anatomy studied in clay
<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b>	Walks, climbing, rhythmical movement activities, games	Circle games, body geography, movement skills, line games, dodge ball, geometric forms and rhythms in movement, movement to music and the spoken word	Running, jumping and throwing games, rhythmic exercises, floor exercises, Greek Olympic sports and preparatory skills for team games and sports, archery, yoga, Movement to music and the spoken word	Contrasting moods in movement, floor exercises, archery, yoga, weight training, movement to music and the spoken word  Team games and sports: volleyball, basketball, baseball, floor hockey