



Genius Time

You are a GENIUS and the WORLD needs your contribution!

"The only way to do great work is to love what you do" - Steve Jobs, Apple.

What is Genius Hour?

Genius Hour is a movement that allows learners to explore their own passions and interests, encouraging both creativity and motivation inside and outside the classroom. Done effectively the process should take 8-12 weeks, (a term).

The 5 Steps to Becoming a Genius

- Find a Passion -Start Exploring -Ask a Question
- Get Creative -Share your Genius

1. Find a passion.

Brainstorming ideas and narrowing down options can sometimes be the trickiest part of the process for children. Guide them to choose a topic that they are truly passionate about and is just the right size. A few examples of past projects are – Arctic Animals, Lego, The Eiffel Tower, Snowdon Mountain, City of Swansea, Brazil.

2. Start exploring.

It is important that your child chooses a few topics and starts to undertake background research to see how viable it is to complete the project. After doing this for each topic, you child can then decide which topic to focus on, creating a proposal to why they want to do it.

2. Ask a question.

Once your child has chosen a topic, they will need driving questions to guide their research.

This is the what, why, and how that allows them to go deeper into their subject. If the question they are asking can be answered with a simple Google search, it is not specific enough. There are many ways for students to dig up information on their chosen topic. In addition to reading books and articles, students can access websites, watch videos, and connect with experts in the community.

3. Get creative.

Creating something original is the core purpose of Genius Time. Whether children publish, design, act, make, or do, there should always be a tangible takeaway from the process. How your child chooses to present what they have learnt is limited only by their imagination. Some ideas? Create a blog, shoot a video, write and perform a play, or paint a mural. Put on a puppet show, set up a gallery walk or museum.

5. Share your genius.

At the end of each child's genius time project, we will be sharing their work with everyone in school! You could do this at home also with your family in a show case! After sharing the work we will be bringing the process full circle and "cementing the learning" by asking children to reflect. What went well? What did you learn? What would you do differently? Where do you want to go from here?