

Suggestions for Integration

The *Tour of Europe* challenge offers lots of cross-curricular teaching and learning opportunities. To explore the cross-curricular potential of this challenge activity, the following are just a small number of suggestions to plan some meaningful and integrated learning activities in a variety of strands in other curricular areas. The following suggestions relate to middle and senior classes.

English

Explore and experience a broad range of poetry and different styles of text from a selection of poets and authors.

Irish language, culture and drama

What aspects of our language and culture are similar to and different from other cultures along the tour?

Mathematics

Along the *Tour of Europe*, why not deepen pupils' learning experiences and reasoning skills by creating tasks and activities in relation to the context of the challenge in problem-solving activities across the strands?

Geography

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- A sense of place and space
 - Maps, globes and graphical skills
 - People and other lands

History

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- Story
 - Early People and Ancient Societies
 - Life, society, work and culture in the past
 - Continuity and change over time

Science

Project work related to famous men and women who have advanced various areas of scientific learning.

Visual Arts

Looking and responding to art and talking about the work of famous artists from different cultures and times

Music

Listening and responding to a broad range of musical styles and traditions — classical, traditional, jazz, opera and sacred music.

"Integration gives children's learning a broader and richer perspective, emphasises the interconnectedness of knowledge and ideas and reinforces the learning process"

Primary School Curriculum 1999, Introduction p 16.