



Welcome to SSIS Primary School



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WELCOME TO SSIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the Primary Division of Shanghai Singapore International School (SSIS) !

SSIS Primary is an interactive learning hub for students aged 6 to 12. We provide a robust and engaging learning environment for students to develop life-long learning strategies, critical thinking skills and creativity. SSIS aims to equip our learners with 21st century skills to become confident future global leaders.

We place great importance on ensuring the well-being of our students with a balance of nurturing academic excellence and holistic development. We believe that learning beyond the classroom is a vital part of school life. We offer leadership opportunities and student services which encourage student agency and enhance student development.

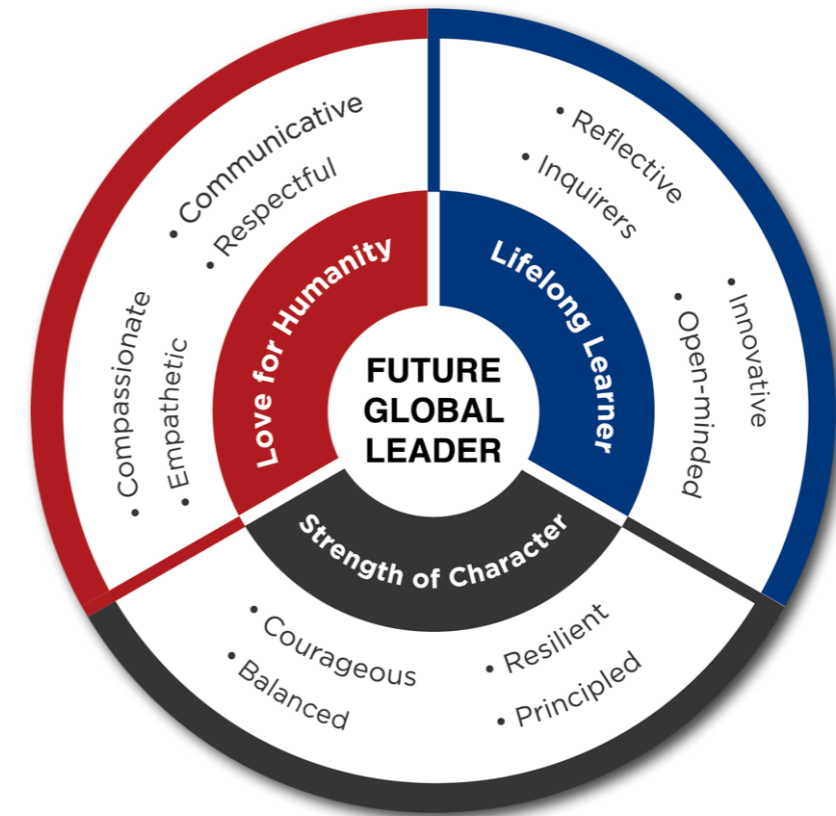
Join us at SSIS, where the journey of education is a shared adventure, and every day is an opportunity to learn, grow, and create lasting memories. Together, let's inspire a love for learning that will last a lifetime!

OUR PHILOSOPHY

SSIS believes in the holistic development of a resourceful, confident and independent learner within a caring and nurturing environment to become a global citizen.



OUR DESIRED OUTCOMES OF SSIS EDUCATION



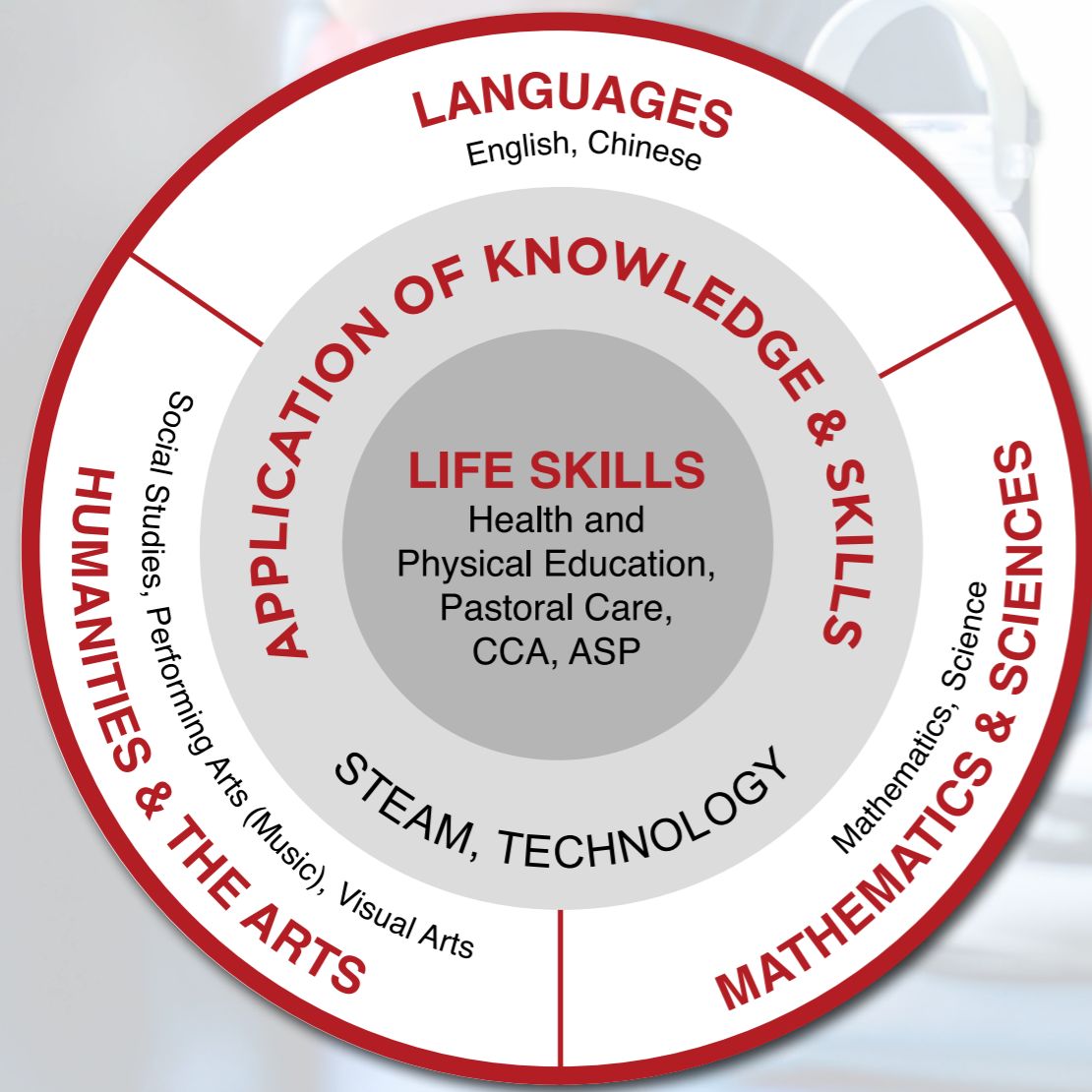
Future Global Leaders with Strength of Character & Love for Humanity

At SSIS, we envisage the desired outcomes of the Pre-Nursery to Grade 12 SSIS education to be the fruition of a future global leader who is engaged in lifelong learning with strength of character and a love for humanity. We believe it is our responsibility to develop in our students the necessary character traits and qualities. Their personal and social growth and development is also crucial as they understand their responsibility in society and eventually become a global leader.

OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM

Learning Overview

SSIS Primary School offers a truly international curriculum that draws from the best curricula in the world to create intellectual stimulation through robust and balanced learning experiences.



Our core subjects include:

- English – Cambridge Primary English Framework
- Chinese – Chinese National Curriculum (Advanced Chinese) and Singapore Chinese Curriculum (Standard and Foundation Chinese)
- Mathematics – Singapore Mathematics Curriculum (International)
- Science – Singapore Science Curriculum (International)

Other subjects include:

- Social Studies
- Health and Physical Education
- Music / Drama (G4-6)
- Visual Arts
- Co-Curricular Activities (CCA)

Programme enhancement:

- STEAM interdisciplinary learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)
- ELA (English Language Acquisition) for students who need English language support
- Levelled Chinese offering 3 levels of Chinese to cater to students' needs
- Technology is integrated into the primary curriculum

Highlights of our teaching approach:

- Inquiry-based approach – incorporates active participation of students where they learn “how to think” by engagement in the thought process through queries
- Transdisciplinary Curriculum – Disciplines are integrated where students can learn in the context of real-world problems
- Differentiated Instruction – Instructions are tailored to meet individual students' needs



SSIS Primary Curriculum



English

The Cambridge Primary English Framework fosters confident, creative, and intellectually engaged learners through an inquiry-based approach. Our adapted curriculum develops your child's skills across the key areas: Reading, Writing, and Speaking and Listening. We create authentic learning opportunities where students actively use language in meaningful contexts, with instruction tailored to meet each child's individual needs and learning style. Through this approach, we empower students to become a confident communicator and lifelong learner.



Chinese

At SSIS, we recognise that students come to us with varying levels of Mandarin Chinese proficiency. To ensure every child receives appropriate instruction, we organise students into three proficiency groups: Foundation Chinese, Standard Chinese, and Advanced Chinese. This differentiated approach allows each student to progress at their own pace while building confidence and competence in the language. Beyond the language skills, our curriculum immerses students in the rich and vibrant facets of Chinese culture.



Mathematics

Our Primary mathematics programme is built on the proven Singapore Mathematics Framework, which emphasises deep conceptual understanding and practical problem-solving skills. We believe that strong mathematical foundations in the primary years prepare students for success in higher-level mathematics. Our approach uses the Concrete-Pictorial-Abstract (CPA) method, allowing students to learn through hands-on experiences, visual representations, and abstract thinking. The bar model drawing method helps students visualise and solve complex problems.

Science

The Science programme is grounded in the Singapore Science Curriculum (International), fostering a love of discovery and scientific thinking. Through inquiry-based learning, students actively explore, investigate, and extend their understanding of the natural and physical world. We engage students in authentic scientific investigations where they ask questions, conduct experiments, and develop critical thinking skills. Our goal is to nurture curious, confident learners who recognise science as a powerful tool for understanding the world around them.



Social Studies

The Singapore National Curriculum's concepts and philosophy form the backbone of our school-based curriculum. Students learn the connectivity of their home country and the world they live in, as well as develop appreciation for the richness and complexity of human experience. Through inquiry-based and authentic learning experiences, students explore history and social issues, develop critical and reflective thinking skills, and learn to value diverse viewpoints.



Technology

At SSIS, we seamlessly integrate technology into various subjects to enhance the learning experience. Through interactive lessons and educational apps, students not only grasp fundamental concepts but also develop crucial digital literacy skills. Our commitment to blending traditional teaching methods with cutting-edge technology ensures that our young learners are well-equipped for the demands of the 21st century.



Health and Physical Education

We are committed to nurturing the holistic well-being of our students through a comprehensive Health and Physical Education programme. Physical education is about more than exercise; it's about building character, fostering teamwork, and establishing positive habits that last a lifetime. We offer specialist programmes such as golf and swimming, providing students with diverse physical experiences and opportunities to discover activities they enjoy. We empower students to view health and fitness as integral parts of their overall well-being and personal success.



Performing Arts (Music/Drama)

Our Performing Arts programme nurtures creative expression and artistic confidence in every student. Through engaging General Music classes, students develop musical literacy, explore diverse musical styles, and discover their unique artistic voice. In Grades 4-6, students also experience Drama, where they build confidence, develop communication skills, and explore storytelling through performance. Students have numerous opportunities to showcase their talents throughout the year, performing in musicals, festive celebrations, and external showcases.



STEAM Programme (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)

Our STEAM lab features a MakerSpace, Lego Discovery Space, Robotics Room, and Video-making Room; dynamic spaces where students design, experiment, build, and invent hands-on, interdisciplinary projects. Students develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills while fostering a growth mindset. Our programme prepares confident innovators and creative thinkers ready to tackle real-world challenges. Whether coding robots, creating digital media, or designing solutions, every student discovers their potential as an innovator.



Visual Arts

Visual Art is at the heart of creative learning at SSIS. Our comprehensive programme invites students to explore a wide range of artistic mediums and techniques, discovering their unique creative voice. Through hands-on projects, students develop artistic skills, build confidence in self-expression, and learn to appreciate diverse art forms and cultural perspectives. We believe that art is not just about creating beautiful work; it's about fostering imagination, critical thinking, and emotional growth. We encourage every student to experiment, take creative risks, and develop an appreciation for the visual arts.



English Language Acquisition Programme

The English Language Acquisition Programme provides targeted, small-group instruction designed specifically for second language learners. Meeting five times per week, students receive personalised attention tailored to their individual English proficiency level. Using the Cambridge World English curriculum combined with an extensive reading programme, we build vocabulary, comprehension, and language fluency. Through tailored lessons and a supportive learning environment, we empower students from diverse backgrounds to thrive academically and socially in an English-speaking setting.

Homework Policy

Meaningful homework is not only a good way for students to consolidate learning, deepen understanding, and construct knowledge, it also promotes self-discipline, a sense of responsibility and time management. Students may also improve their attitudes toward school and develop independent problem-solving skills.

Grades 1 & 2	At least 20 mins on daily reading 30 mins of daily homework
Grades 3 & 4	At least 20 mins on daily reading 45 mins of daily homework
Grades 5 & 6	At least 20 mins on daily reading 60 mins of daily homework



Assessment and Reporting

Assessment

SSIS Primary has a comprehensive assessment system to document students' growth in learning, give students timely feedback, and to guide and inform programming and instruction needs. Our assessment types include:

- Formative assessment - Learning Journals, Daily Assignments, Reports, Quizzes
- Summative assessment - Projects, Unit Tests, End-of-Year Examinations (G4 to 6)
- Benchmark assessment - NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Growth (G3 & G5)
 - WIDA is used for ELA students and the K2-G1 transition
 - Raz-Kids is used for Running Records (G1 to 6)

Reporting

Parents are invited to attend Parent-Teacher Conferences after the issuance of the Term 1 Progress Reports. Student-led Conferences are held after the Term 2 Progress Reports where students share their learning portfolios. Final reports are issued at the end of the school year.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

At SSIS, we strive to make sure that every student has the opportunity to grow socially and emotionally in a safe and caring environment. We provide a variety of opportunities for students to further develop and enhance the SSIS Learner Attributes so they can thrive.



Pastoral Care

Every morning, students meet with their Homeroom teachers. These times allow teachers and students to build stronger bonds with each other in a safe and supportive environment. Guidance and information are shared with students so they can navigate the day. Bi-weekly lessons are taught by the counsellors to strengthen students' social and emotional well-being. Harmony is a social and emotional learning (SEL) programme that fosters the knowledge, skills, and attitudes youth need to develop healthy identities and create meaningful relationships.

Counselling

The SSIS primary counselling services focus on prevention and positive reinforcement. It includes individual, small group counselling and consultation for students, staff and parents. Having strong social and emotional skills supports students' academic progress.

Small group or individual counselling courses are carefully designed to teach students emotional awareness and pro-social skills. These skills help students navigate challenging social situations and better understand emotional issues. Sessions are coordinated with our SSIS Learner Attributes (Love for Humanity, Lifelong Learner & Strength of Character) and help students understand and develop these values.

Learning Support (LS)

Learning Support is designed to offer additional academic, behaviour or organisational support for students across the curriculum. Its purpose is for students to have more control over their learning, develop learning skills and strategies, and apply them in all their subjects in order to improve their academic results. Support can be provided in the form of one-to-one or small-group instruction to students as needed.



House System

All students who join SSIS will be assigned a House. Being a part of a House allows students to feel a sense of identity and belonging. It promotes student responsibility and gives students added leadership opportunities. Students have the chance to collaborate and interact with fellow students in friendly competitions to earn points for their House. A trophy is awarded to the House with the most points at the end of the year.

Leadership Development

Students are offered leadership opportunities from Grade 1 onwards, inside and outside the classroom. Overnight leadership camps are offered for Grades 4 to 6. We believe every student can be a leader!

Student Council

The primary school student council promotes leadership and harmonious relations throughout the entire division. The council members are the voice of the student body, motivating by serving as role models, modelling the learner attributes. They plan and implement special events and projects to improve the school atmosphere and create stronger bonds between teachers and students.

Excursions

SSIS believes that excursions give students an authentic learning experience outside of the classroom where they can make real-world connections to what is being learnt inside the classroom. Each year, students will experience a different excursion during Autumn and Spring with clearly defined learning outcomes.

CCA/ASP

Our Primary Co-Curricular Activities (CCA) provide a holistic education extending learning beyond the classroom and is designed to be a platform where students will develop their leadership qualities, augment their social skills, and explore deeper into an area of interest. The

programme occurs during school hours and provides learning objectives that complement our school curriculum and SSIS Learner Attributes.

The After School Programmes (ASP) are provided to enrich the student learning experience by allowing them to develop new skills, make friends, and have fun without leaving campus. The programmes vary from areas such as Curricular Enrichment, Performing Arts, Creative Arts, Recreation and Athletics. We believe that these areas will help to strengthen the student's learner attributes.

Home-School Partnership

At SSIS we believe open communication is a key component of forming a successful partnership between home and school. We strongly believe that educators and parents should work together to fully support students' growth and development. We all have a responsibility to improve students' interest, motivation, behaviour and engagement in learning both at school and home.

Farm-to-School

At SSIS, the Primary Farm to School programme brings learning to life through real gardening experiences. Students plant, water, and harvest crops while understanding where food comes from and how nature sustains us. Using natural fertilisers, they nurture healthy plants and will also learn about composting to create rich, healthy soil. The garden becomes their outdoor classroom, building responsibility, curiosity, and teamwork. It's a vibrant, hands-on way to grow both food and future changemakers.

Sabre's First Friends

Sabre's First Friends is an ambassador programme designed to equip students with skills to welcome and connect new members of the SSIS community. In addition to supporting new students, Sabre's First Friends also organises and facilitates activities that encourage younger students to interact, build friendships, and enjoy positive social experiences. Through this programme, student ambassadors play a vital role in supporting the social and emotional well-being of younger peers by fostering inclusion, friendship, and a strong sense of belonging.

SCHOOL EVENTS

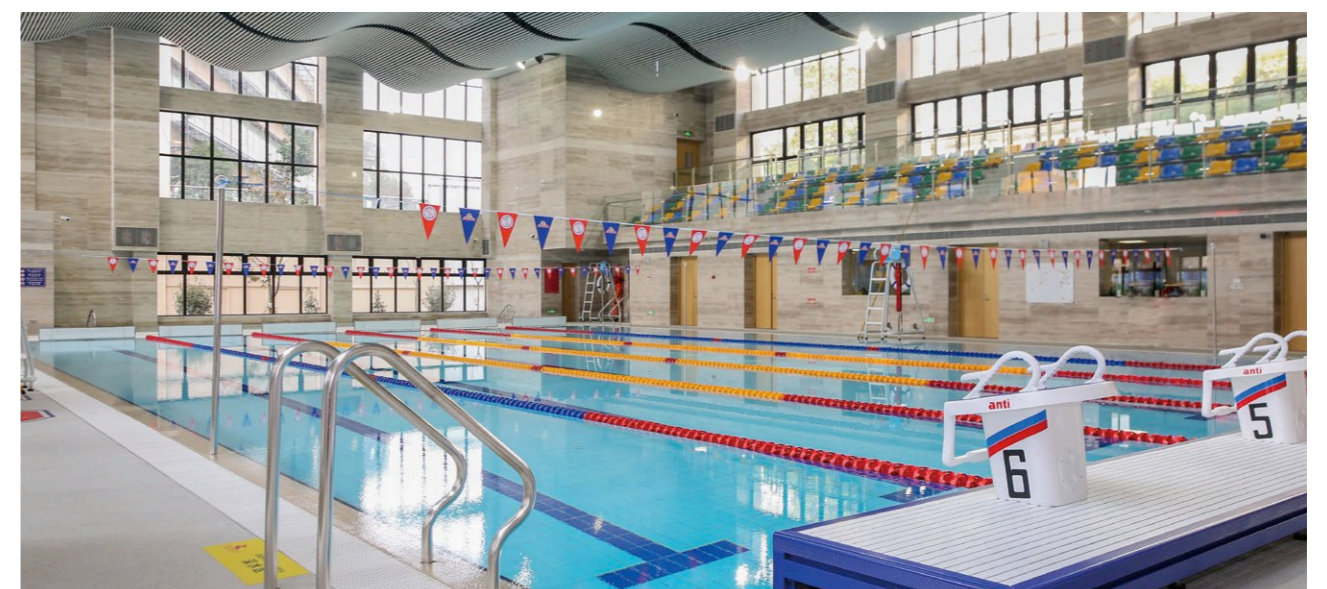
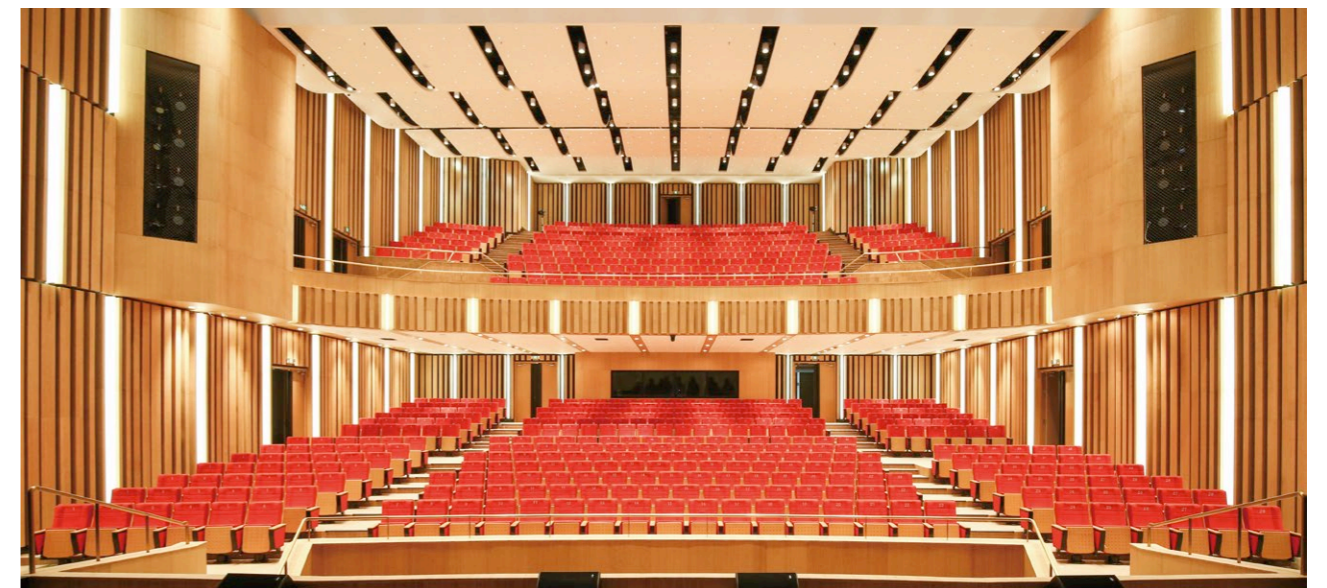
In the Primary school, our students' learning is extended beyond the classroom by active engagement in various school events, ranging from learning enrichment events such as Reading Extravaganza, Poetry Festival, STEAM Innovation Week, Science Fair to festive celebrations.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

We create a **safe environment** where parents will be 100 per cent assured with entrusting their child into our care.

- All snacks and lunch are prepared by our in-house professional kitchen team. Our school kitchen is ISO22000 certified and we source our vegetables from our organic farm. Our weekly menu is shared on our website and ClassDojo App daily.
- All campus facilities are maintained by our professional maintenance crew and we have a team of Campus Safety officers that does regular monthly safety checks such as bus safety, equipment and facilities.
- All our teachers abide by SSIS Child Protection Policy and are responsible to protect children from harm and ensure that they are happy and safe.
- Our faculty members undergo courses on CPR and AED training so that we are ready in case of an unexpected medical situation.
- We have a team of certified and professional nurses in our school's Health Centre. Our nurses conduct daily routine health checks for all preschool students. Parents will always be informed of any visits to the Health Centre.





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