Skillspro Newsletter

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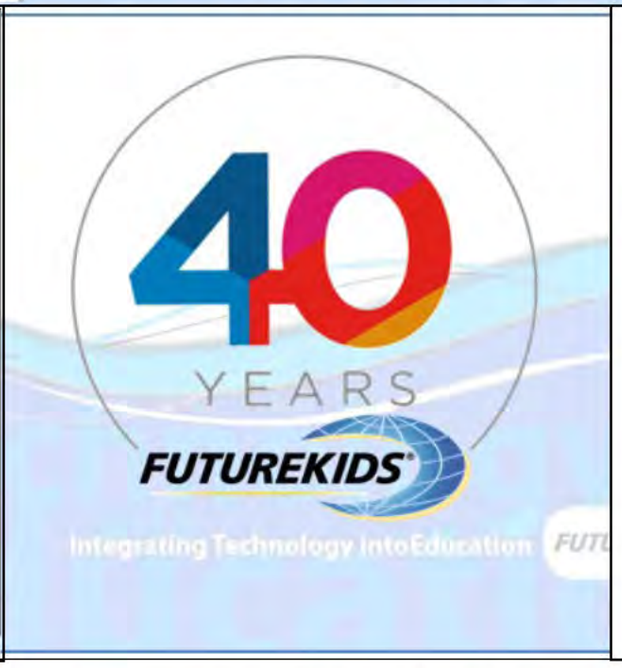


Futurekids International is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year!

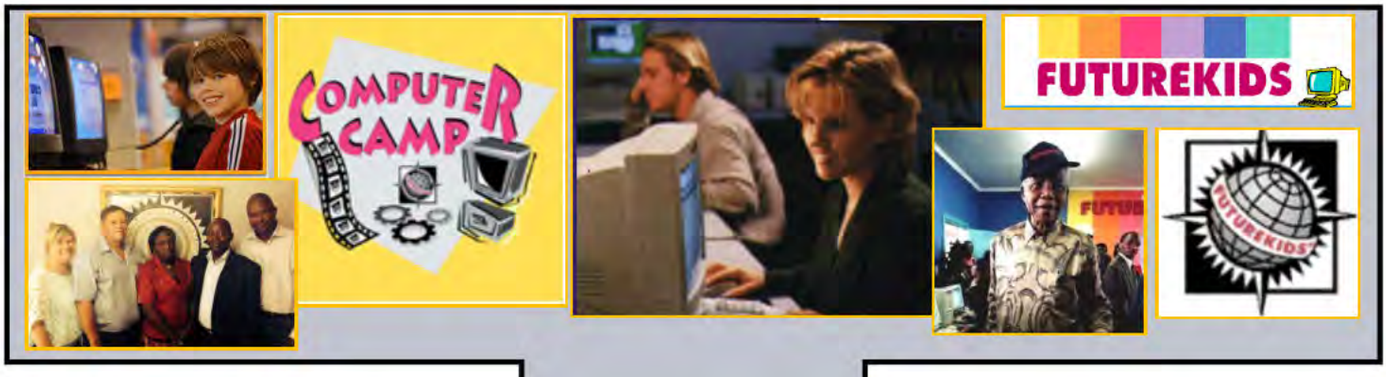
Unveiling a Legacy of Innovation, Education, and Inspiration

It's not every day that an organization reaches a milestone as significant as its 40th birthday. This year we are thrilled to celebrate the remarkable journey of Futurekids International, as it marks four decades of shaping young minds, nurturing innovation, and preparing generations for a future that's ever-evolving.

Celebrating 40 Years of Empowering Future Generations:

A Journey Through Time: From Humble Beginnings to Global Impact

Founded in 1983 in Los Angeles, Futurekids International emerged with a clear mission – to equip children and youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in the rapidly changing landscape of technology. What began as a small educational venture in one city quickly grew into a global phenomenon, spanning across multiple countries and impacting countless lives, including South Africa in 1994.



Innovation at the Core: Pioneering Technological Education

From the outset, Futurekids International embraced innovation, recognizing the potential of technology in education long before it became mainstream. The organization was a trailblazer in introducing concepts such as computer literacy, coding, and digital skills to young learners. As the digital age progressed, Futurekids stayed ahead of the curve, incorporating cutting-edge topics like artificial intelligence, robotics, and cyber security into its curriculum.

Looking Ahead: Continuing the Legacy of Excellence

Empowering Young Minds: Cultivating Skills for a Lifetime

At the heart of Futurekids' success lies its commitment to empowering young minds. The organization has fostered an environment where creativity, critical thinking, problem-solving and collaboration are nurtured alongside technical proficiency.

This holistic approach to education ensures that students not only gain proficiency in technology but also develop the skills required to excel in any field they choose, one lesson at a time.

As Futurekids International enters its fifth decade, its commitment to excellence and innovation remains stronger than ever. The world continues to change at an unprecedented pace, and the need for adaptable, tech-savvy individuals has never been greater. Futurekids stands ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the future, equipping the next generation with the skills and mindset they need to thrive in an increasingly interconnected and digital world.

This 40th-anniversary milestone is not just a reflection on the past, but a celebration of the journey that has led us to this point. As we look ahead to the next 40 years and beyond, Futurekids South Africa remains committed to its mission: empowering adults and learners to embrace the 4th industrial revolution.

Futurekids SA: Continuing the Legacy

Futurekids South Africa believes that we need to build a strong foundation in education to help our students achieve excellence later in their schooling careers. Futurekids SA has, therefore, developed e-content theme e-books and assessments according to CAPS to facilitate and enhance classroom teaching and learning. Future-FUN CAPS has been developed especially for Primary Schools, for grades R to 7. There are currently 84 subjects available - 42 subjects in Afrikaans and 42 subjects in English. The e-books have been developed per grade, per subject, per term, per topic and per theme.

While technology can never replace the teacher, this e-curriculum can definitely assist learners in their learning and understanding of the material; help the teachers with their planning, admin and assessment; and has been shown to improve learners' results.

Future-FUN CAPS is available as a fully Online version as well as an Offline version.

For more information please contact us at info@futurekids.co.za.

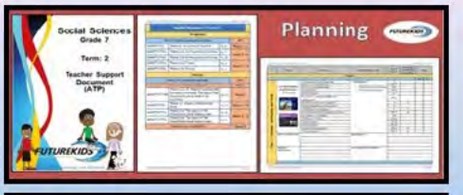
Future-FUN CAPS

Digital CAPS Gr R-7 Teacher Support Material
per Grade, per Subject, per Term, per Topic and per Theme.

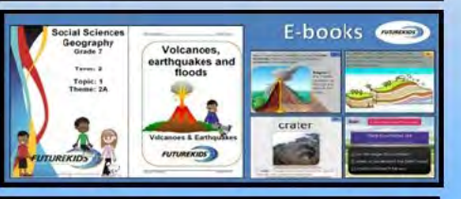
Includes Teacher Planning, Content e-Books, Worksheets & Assessment with Memos.

Printable Student Study Notes also available.

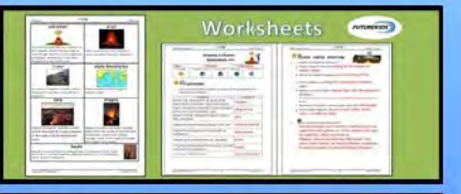
Planning:



Content e-Books:



Worksheets:



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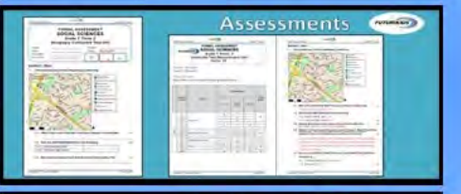
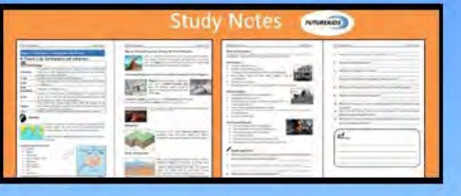


Study Notes:



Future-FUN CAPS

ICT Integrated CAPS Curriculum

Grade R-7

Learn lifelong computer technology skills, research and problem solving skills.

Progression of ICT Skills per year.

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Gr. R-7

Includes:

- Planning
- FFC Content
- Study Notes
- Fillable Worksheets
- Online Quizzes
- Student Chat Room

Future-FUN CAPS Online Curriculum

For Teachers & Students

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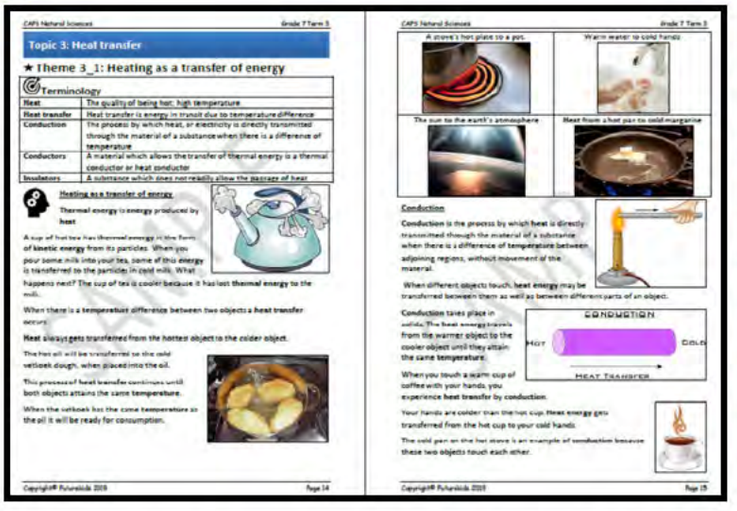
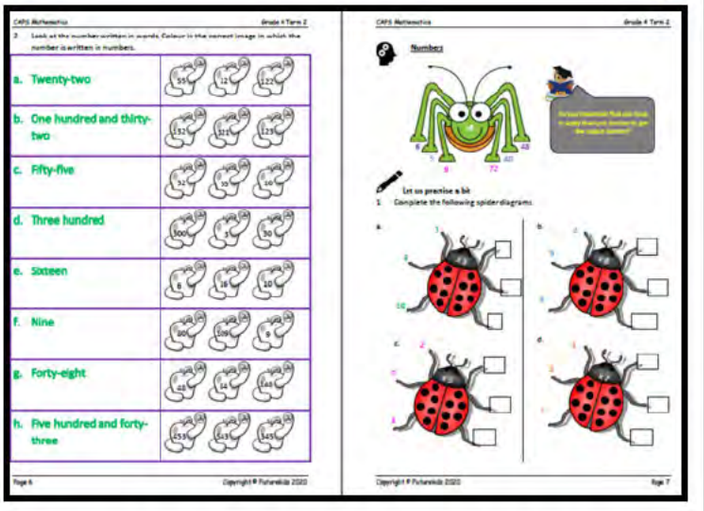
Remember to budget for your 2024 Study Notes





Learner Workbooks and Study Notes have been developed according to all the Future-FUN CAPS content covered in the curriculum.

You will find: PowerPoints/ definitions/ pictures/ and informal Assessments, with memorandums as used by the teacher in the FFC classroom, per subject/term.

Coding & Robotics: Gr R - 7

TSD Teacher Support Document per Term per Grade — 1

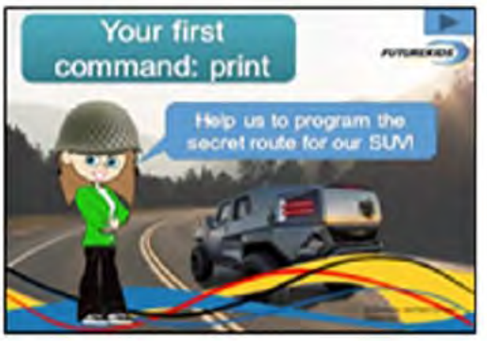
eBooks Digital Lesson Plans per Week per Term per Grade — 2

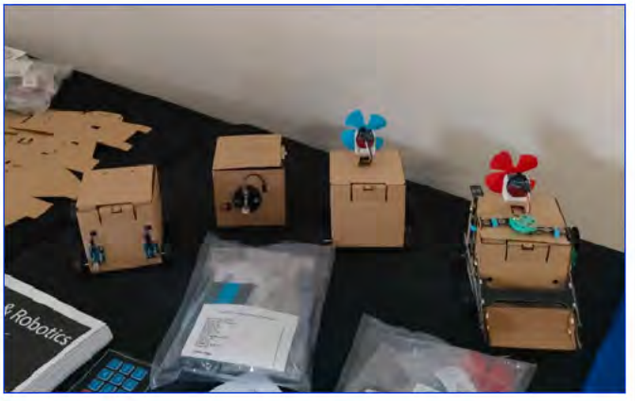
Worksheets Printable Worksheets with Memos per Term per Grade — 3

Assess Formal Assessments with Memos per Term including PAT's — 5

Robotics Robo-kits Electronic / Mechanical Components per Grade — 6

Study Notes Printable Study Notes for Learners per Term per Grade — 4





Online & Offline

Coding & Robotics

Grade R to 7

Available in Eng & Afr

Practical Robo-Kits available per Grade

Online Teacher Training & Support

FUTUREKIDS

Integrating technology into education

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- PATTERN RECOGNITION AND PROBLEM SOLVING
- ALGORITHMS AND CODING
- ROBOTICS SKILLS
- INTERNET AND E-COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- APPLICATION SKILLS

This curriculum includes planning documents, content presentations, flashcards, interactive exercises, worksheets, videos, printable study notes and step by step practical coding and robotics projects.

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FUTUREKIDS GRADE R to 7

Algorithms & Coding SOFTWARE

ScratchJr · Scratch · Arduino · Python · Flowgorithm · Notepad++ · mBlock

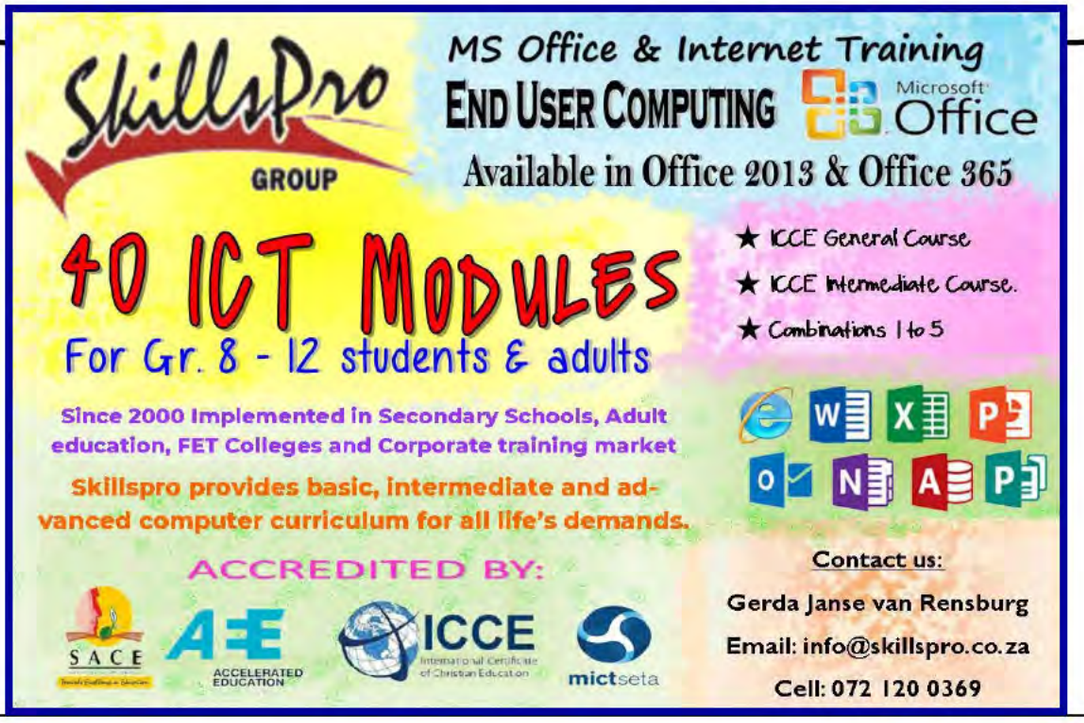
Skillspro and MS Office

Skillspro 40 Modules is a curriculum that takes all the MS Office packages and teaches people how to use them, from a beginner to an advanced level. The Skillspro manuals cover both theory and practice and are updated regularly to the latest version of MS Office available. At the end of each module students write a self test and then a final assessment. Students need to pass by 75% and they receive a certificate for every 4+ modules passed.

Skillspro is an accredited service provider that has worked with AEE for the past 24 years. For their high school students we facilitate IT credits for those doing the International Certificate of Christian Education (ICCE) or the Lighthouse Christian Academy graduation option, as well as for those taking the Statement of Completion route.

In addition, our SAQA ID 61591 End User Computing course is accredited by the MICT SETA in South Africa.

Computer skills are life skills – and they are essential for students considering university, as well as being necessary in the workplace.



Skillspro is always part of the AEE Administrators' Seminar where we are able to interface with the principals of schools across South Africa, as well as those from many other countries in Africa and beyond. We recently met up with these folk from Mauritius, Uganda, the Philippines, Rwanda and the USA.

Skillspro & SACAI

Since SACAI was first established Skillspro has been involved in assisting them with their matric examination processes. We also developed an online system to streamline their administration work and assist with the monitoring.

Skillspro has been involved with the pre-monitoring and exam monitoring of their matric centres since 2008, as well as the preparing and distribution of the computers for the CAT and IT examinations. This year a record amount of 1 994 candidates will write CAT and 166 will write IT!

Gustav Janse van Rensburg, the CEO of Skillspro, once again played a major role in the training sessions for the Chief Invigilators of the 162 centres this year.

You are never too old to learn more than you already know and to become able to do more than you already can.

Skillspro is launching a new MS Office 365 training program, especially for teachers and adults from all walks of life who need to expand their computer skills.

This course can be done completely online in your own time, and includes practical PoE activities followed by online formative and summative quizzes.

Successful candidates will be issued with a Skillspro certificate for all their modules passed.

Computer skills really are life skills, and are so necessary these days—no matter what career you are pursuing or what job you hold!

Microsoft 365 ICT Curriculum

General ICT Certificate:

- Windows Module 1
- Windows Module 2
- Internet Module 1
- Conference Skills Module 1
- MS Word Module 1
- MS Word Module 2
- MS Word Module 3
- MS Word Module 4
- MS Excel Module 1
- MS Excel Module 2

Intermediate ICT Certificate:

- MS Excel Module 3
- PowerPoint Module 1
- PowerPoint Module 2
- PowerPoint Module 3
- PowerPoint Module 4
- Internet Module 2
- Basic Concepts of IT Module 1
- One Note
- Publisher Module 1
- Publisher Module 2

ICCE International Certificate of Christian Education

MICTSETA

AE ACCELERATED EDUCATION

Online Manuals with POE Activities, Formative & Summative Assessment Quizzes

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Accredited Training Specialists

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Ontbytsake

Futurekids SA will be having a short insert during the TV program "Ontbytsake" which is to be found on KykNET channel 144/5 on DSTV. Ontbytsake focuses on education and training so we are excited to be able to market ourselves during their broadcast on national television. There will be 8 screenings altogether and the first one is on Saturday 2 September.

Ontbytsake se Uitsaai Tye	Saterdag	7:30 - 9:00 op kykNET (144)
	Saterdag	08:30 – 10:00 op kykNET & Kie (145)
	Sondag	06:00 – 07:30 op kykNET & kie (145)
	Sondag	7:30 – 9:00 op kykNET (144)
	Dinsdag & Donderdag	13:00 – 14:30 op kykNET (144)
	Dinsdag & Donderdag	11:30 – 13:00 op kykNET & kie(145)

Online Training calendar

October – December 2023

Futurekids part 1 & 2	Skillspro part 1 & 2	Coding & Robotics Level 1	Coding & Robotics Level 2	Coding & Robotics Level 3
10 & 11 October 14:30	12 & 17 October 14:30	18 & 19 October 14:30	1 & 2 November	22 & 23 November
Coding & Robotics FreeCAD	**Home Schools Online**	**Future-FUN CAPS Webinar Digital Teaching Resources Everybody is invited & it is free**		
31 October 14:00	08 November 14:30	Tuesday, 5 December at 13:30		

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