



Igniting Primary learners' passion for scientific discovery!

Pearson International Primary Science

LETLOTLO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, LESOTHO

Letlotlo International School is a private school that caters for pre-primary, primary and secondary education, with a vision to become known for excellence in academic, spiritual and moral foundations in line with global advancements and technological trends.

Early in 2024, they shifted from the local curriculum to the Pearson iPrimary international curriculum and the Pearson International Primary Science programme.

“10 out of 10, highly recommend it.”

Limpho Maqelepo,
Year 1-3 teacher



Teacher Limpho Maqelepo explains the impact that the programme is having:

“Pearson promotes critical thinking, project based learning and independency for learners. Letlotlo International School stands out as the best school around Mafutshe due to the quality of education we provide with the Pearson curriculum.”

Here, five primary science teachers tell us about the programme and the impact it is having on staff and students.



The concept of science as distinct topics

A key driver behind choosing Pearson International Primary Science is its approach to teaching distinct topics – from biology, chemistry and physics – across each year, revisiting them in further depth and complexity, in line with the approach of and order of topics in iPrimary Science curriculum.

“We chose Pearson Edexcel iPrimary Science over others because it is specific, it is not general like combined science,” explains Relebohile Thulo.

“We wanted to equip learners with identification of different parts of science so that when growing up it becomes easy for them to be more career focused. I am able to see easily on which branch do learners excel so that we channel them to their abilities and potential career paths,” adds Limpho Maqelepo.

This structure helps learners see the bigger picture and make connections. *“It is easy for learners to interlink and understand the concepts,”* says Thapelo Judith Ntene.

Enquiry-led learning develops higher order thinking skills

The enquiry-led approach of the Pearson International Primary Science programme is incredibly popular with the teaching team. This approach equips learners with the skills to think more critically and carry out investigations independently.

“I was looking for something that could spark curiosity in learners and engage them in a variety of investigations and activities,” Malefa Mpharoane tells us.

“It develops pupils understanding of the world,” explains Relebohile Thulo. *“It nurtures their curiosity, and teaches essential skills including inquiry, observation, prediction, analysis, reasoning and explanation.”*

“It is the curriculum that prepares learners to be critical thinkers, and problem solvers,” adds Lekaota Khoptjoa. *“Pearson International Primary Science equips learners with career focused competencies such as collaboration skills, communication skills, and technology skills.”*

Virtual labs support independent learning

Virtual labs are a standout feature of the Pearson International Primary Science programme, offering numerous opportunities for learners to practice and refine their investigative skills. Multiple online experiments help make science accessible to all young learners in a completely safe and easily repeatable way.

“It engages learners in investigations,” says Malefa Mpharoane.

Lekaota Khoptjoa agrees: *“Learners can learn wherever they are.”*

“Virtual labs enable easy further practice and reinforcement of practical enquiry-led learning for young scientists.”

Supporting specialist and non-specialist teachers

Pearson International Primary Science provides everything needed to teach an engaging science curriculum. Thapelo Judith Ntene tells us: *“It has all the materials needed. Schemes, lesson plans, question papers and marking memos together with day to day teaching materials.”*

Professional development for both specialist and non-specialist teachers is available to help teachers understand the resources and enhance lesson delivery.

“Even for teachers who are not Science teachers, it’s easy to understand,” adds Limpho Maqelepo.

Laying strong foundations for future growth

The programme has clearly made an impact at the school in a short time, and the team are keen to continue teaching and supporting learners with it.

Malefa Mpharoane summarises their experiences well: *“Pearson International Primary Science engages learners in science with a wide range of resources all in one place, it builds enquiry based skills, and provides non-specialist science teachers with guides.”*



Find out more about the Pearson International Primary Science programme

You can join Letlotlo International School and others in launching your learners’ journey of scientific discovery by signing up for a free 60-day trial and downloading sample materials at pearsoninternational-schools.com/iprimaryscience