

The Starting Point (Pauline Armstrong)

I sat facing a blank document ready to prepare the next term's work. It looked very empty and it all felt quite daunting and overwhelming. Where do I start, Lord? What do I do?

A soft, quiet voice said, "Take care of the spiritual first. Where do you want to take them spiritually? Start there."

I looked through the spiritual theme as set out in the curriculum. I read the given outlines....and started to write. Quickly and quietly it all began to fall into place – what Bible stories and concepts to use, devotion times, praise songs, what God Himself wanted to be to my class at this time.

Related English activities flowed in naturally, the Science and SOSE concepts were there and even the Maths and Art! The end result was a term plan I believed in because it was Holy Spirit breathed by the One who loved my class even more than I did. It covered everything we were meant to cover and it worked together in a way that was so creative and with which I was very comfortable.

Take care of the spiritual first - advice that brings blessing to everything we do.

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness..... (Matthew 6:33)

Teaching from a Christian Worldview brings its own set of rewards and challenges as we seek to instill the 4 R's – Reading, wRiting, 'Rithmetic and Righteousness - into the lives of our students.

God has given you these precious lives to hold for one year because He believes you have just what they need from Him for this time.

Don't just go where you went last year and miss the adventure when three vital steps will take you straight to the heart of the action!

Ask – Go expectantly to your heavenly Father in prayer and ask for His plans and purposes.

Seek – Go diligently yourself to find and do everything you can in preparation (knowledge, books, activities, plans, searches)

Knock – Go humbly to someone who has previous experience and wisdom, knock on their door and ask to sit at their feet to glean from what they know.

Excellent Christian teachers don't just happen. They pray like it all depended on God and work like it all depended on them and reap the blessing for which they have diligently sown.

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

(Matthew 7:7)