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Welcome to RED the Robot's monthly newsletter



## Primary Curriculum Review

**Sir Jim Rose asks teachers to embrace  
personalised learning**

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#### News this month

##### General Primary

It's the beginning of the year, a time to look ahead to what 2009 will bring. And, if the TES is correct, quite a mixed offering. A second independent review of the Primary Curriculum by Professor Robin Alexander's is due in April and the Primary Curriculum to be finalised in September. Changes to the Inspection system with Ofsted introducing a new inspection framework plus schools and teachers having to cope with reduced money and pay rises during the recession. And with the debate about reforming the Key Stage 2 tests, it should be an interesting year!

Proposals to renovate the struggling Primary Curriculum came a step closer recently when Sir Jim Rose revealed his 'Independent Review of the Primary Curriculum'. He suggests that the curriculum needs to be streamlined into six areas of learning in a similar vein to the Early Learning Goals which will then be a stepping stone to Key Stage 3 subjects. Sir Jim recommends that learning becomes more topic and child focused by including children in decision making, planning and therefore produce more personalised learning. Alongside the Governments' plan to progress personalised one-to-one learning for more than 300,000 children before 2011, the news is a huge overhaul from what we know as the current Primary Curriculum. As personalised learning becomes more evident in Primary classrooms, teaching and learning will need to be adapted. As 'Assessment for Learning' (AfL) becomes more widely used and trusted and children begin to take responsibility for their learning then resources that teachers use will need to work well in this new environment. Using Red the Robot® on a personalised level can allow children to review, practice and progress at their own speed and level. With more Local Authorities and schools realising the potential of Red the Robot daily; as a motivator and as a personalised teaching and learning aid then children will start reaping the benefits of this proposed curriculum today instead of tomorrow.

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