

Skillspro/Futurekids

NEWSLETTER

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Unveiling a Legacy of Innovation, Education, and Inspiration

Welcome to the Second Edition of the Skillspro/Futurekids newsletter. We are excited to bring you another edition filled with engaging content, insightful articles, and fun activities designed to inspire and educate. This issue continues our mission to support learning, development, and creativity in an interactive and enjoyable way.

Whether you're a teacher, parent, or young learner, we hope you find something valuable and exciting in these pages. Enjoy the journey of discovery with us!

**If you want to play and have fun,
but want to learn more
about CODING and ROBOTICS
get a MAGBOT!**



Meet the MAGBOT – Where Fun Meets Learning!

If you love to play, explore, and have fun—but also want to dive into the exciting world of Coding and Robotics—then the MAGBOT is just for you!

This awesome little robot is packed with interactive features designed to help learners grasp key robotics concepts through play.

Here's what makes MAGBOT special:

◆ User Inputs:

5 Buttons for step-by-step movement

A Potentiometer to adjust travel length

◆ Sensor Inputs:

2 IR Sensors to follow a line

An Ultrasonic Sensor to avoid obstacles

Voltage Divider to adjust delay based on battery level

◆ Outputs:

Motor Controller to control direction and speed of 2 DC Geared Motors

An RGB LED for cool, colourful visual feedback

MAGBOT turns learning into an adventure—perfect for young coders who want to explore technology in a hands-on, exciting way!

Future-FUN CAPS

Looking for a Digital School Curriculum for Grades R-7?

Future-FUN CAPS has you covered!

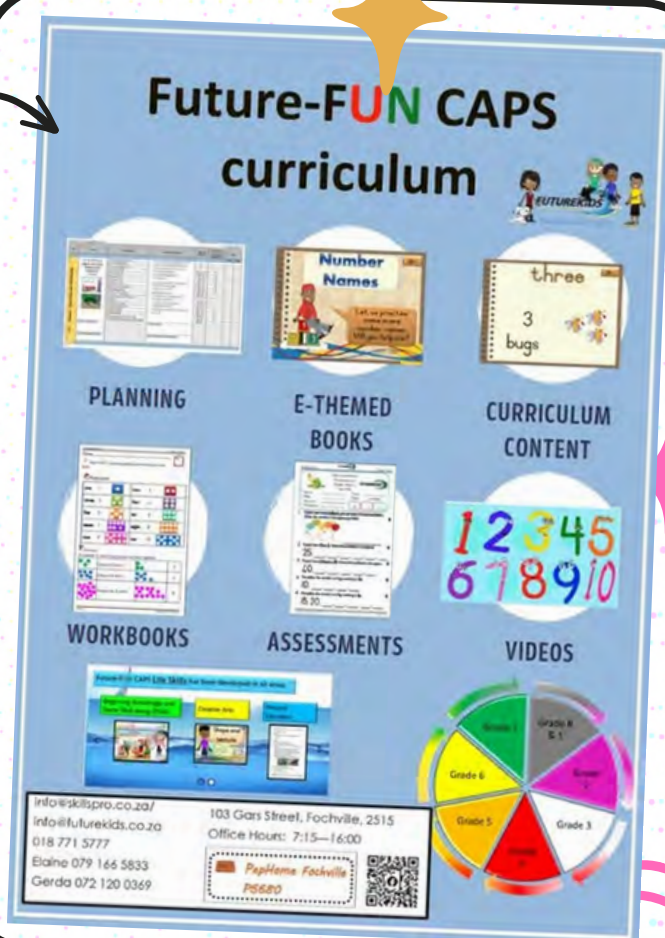
With 84 subjects available—42 in Afrikaans and 42 in English—you'll have access to everything you need for a seamless teaching experience.

- ✓ Fully planned lessons
- ✓ E-books & worksheets
 - ✓ Study Notes
 - ✓ Assessments
 - ✓ Memorandums
 - ✓ Workbooks

Futurekids South Africa has developed e-content themed e-books and assessments aligned to CAPS to support and enhance classroom teaching and learning.

Everything you need, per grade, per subject, per term, per topic, and per theme—all in one place!

Contact info@futurekids.co.za for more details!



TESTIMONIALS

What our schools say

Jongspan Primary School

I would as an educator and as a PLC leader endorse this ICT resource to any school that wishes to use more than just a textbook. The interactive E-books with presentations, videos and worksheets had a huge effect academically on my learners. Just in term 1 marks dramatically improved. The system also makes life easier for the educator as most of the administration work and assessments are already done for them. This results in better lesson preparation and delivery. All round I give this program a 10/10.

The full newest ATP is covered. This I personally verified. The full CAPS curriculum is covered. This was also verified by our Gauteng West PLC.

Clive van Staden (PLC Leader)

Education Department Gauteng

I had a look at the Technology work, and I am happy with the way it is organised. A great deal of thought has gone into building lessons that learners can easily relate to, and methodically introducing new knowledge and concepts.

The lessons have taken a cognisance of pedagogical consideration, which is the biggest problem many teachers have in delivering Technology lessons effectively.

This is precisely what is needed in Technology as a subject across South Africa.

Kind regards,

Keith Magagane (Education Department Gauteng)

SOMERSET WEST METHODIST PRIMARY

- * Very helpful resources, activities and lessons.
- * Saves teachers time on planning as well as time looking for activities that accompany the lessons.
- * Makes planning so much easier. No more time-consuming preparations.
- * Access to resources well in advance.
- * Presentation of lessons are "easy peasy" with PowerPoints.
- * Workbooks are understandable and easy to follow for learners. (learner-friendly)

Unplugged CAPS Coding & Robotics projects for Grade R-3

This past term, we powered up imaginations and hands-on learning by assembling incredible Unplugged Kits for the Rupert Foundation!

Get ready for a jolt of excitement because these kits are packed with projects that will electrify your students!

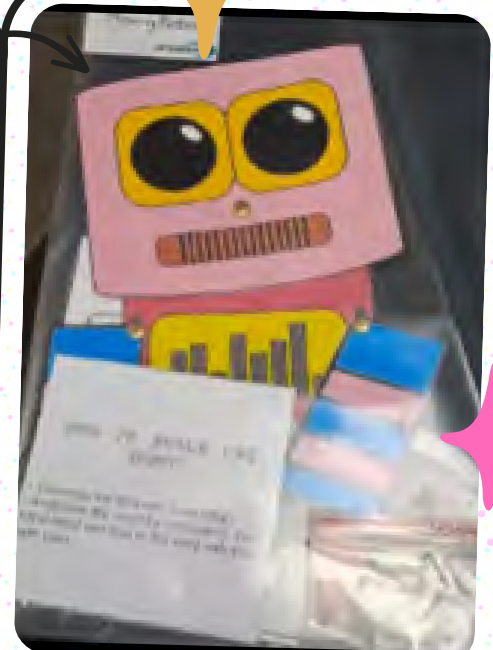
Grade 1: Watch little engineers beam as they bring a paper robot to life! It's all about fun and foundational STEM skills.

Grade 2: Prepare for launch! Our craft stick catapults will have students exploring physics and engineering through thrilling, hands-on action.

Grade 3: Connect the dots with creativity! Students will discover the magic of circuits using a graphite pencil. Yes, a pencil! It's a shocking (but safe!) way to learn about conductivity.

These kits aren't just projects; they're gateways to discovery, innovation, and pure, unadulterated fun!

Invest in the future of learning – invest in Unplugged Kits! Contact us today to bring the excitement to your classroom!



FUN ACTIVITY

Create your own robot



Unplugged CAPS Coding & Robotics Curriculum for Schools

FUTUREKIDS

"Empower Tomorrow's Innovators:
Unlock the Future with Our Coding
and Robotics curriculum!"

With
Unplugged
Projects!

Algorithms
& Coding

Digital
Concepts

Robotics

Includes:

- Term Planning
- Term Content
- Practical Activities
- Teacher Guide
- Learner Workbook



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DIPLOMA IN MINISTRY

'A dream became reality' – Diploma in Ministry (NQF 6)

In 2012 Gustav Janse van Rensburg walked into my office and said that an independent church group had approached him about getting a Diploma in Ministry accredited. They had sent the curriculum that they wanted accredited by email and he wanted me to look at it.

I went back to Gustav and told him that there was no possibility that this curriculum could be accredited on level 6 of the National Qualifications Framework. His answer was short: "You are a minister, write a curriculum!" And that is how the Diploma in Ministry became my adopted baby. And a dream was born.

At that stage there was no university in South Africa that was offering a level 6 Diploma in Ministry. After a great deal of research and with grace from above, the Diploma in Ministry was accredited in 2015 by the Council for Higher Education. Skillspro was also registered as a Private University.

During the 72nd GCM of 2019 – decision 47 was adopted that made it possible for clergymen and church members to be trained for ministry both inside and outside the church and this opened the door for many students from the Reformed Church to enrol in the course.

The Commission of the Reformed Church accepted this "gift" from Gustav, where the Church obtained a 60% share in the Diploma. In February 2020 the first 5 students from the Reformed Church registered for this Diploma.

The dream began to take shape... and then came COVID 19! With the help of technology no-one missed a single class. These online contact sessions have been established and recognised as contact sessions by the Council for Higher Education.

Today the dream was fully realised when the first 5 students received their diplomas.

It is my prayer that each one of you that is given a responsibility in a local congregation will be able to carry it out successfully and to make a difference in the Kingdom of God.

Ds Bouwer Serfontein!

Diplomas received by Elder Rudolf Koekemoer, Mrs Magda Serfontein, Elder Susan Vorster, Elder Faan Beeslaar and Elder Johan Bloem



The course lecturers for the Diploma in Ministry: Dr Frikkie Labuschagne, Mr Gustav Janse van Rensburg CEO van Skillspro, Dr Andre Ungerer, Rev Bouwer Serfontein, Dr Jan de Man and Dr Johan Bester. Dr Deon du Toit was absent.



Coaches Course SAQA ID 117877 – Hosted by Skillspro

This course is a key requirement for coaches and martial arts instructors, ensuring they meet national standards and deliver high-quality training to their students.

DATE 17 Date: 30 May 2025 from 8:00 - 15:00

To register, contact Skillspro directly and secure your spot. Don't miss this chance to enhance your coaching credentials and elevate your impact in the martial arts community!

Contact: info@skillspro.co.za



PERFORM ONE-TO-ONE TRAINING ON THE JOB

Coaches course

- SAQA ID 117877
- NQF 3
- One day Online

COURSE CONTENTS

- Prepare for on the job training
- Conduct training sessions
- Monitor and report on learner progress; and
- Review training

Training date: 30 May 2025

info@skillspro.co.za 018 771 577



Future-FUN CAPS at the Coding and Robotics Training in Tzaneen!

We were thrilled to exhibit at the Limpopo Provincial Foundation Phase Coding & Robotics Training for subject advisors. Attendees were excited to explore how our innovative Future-FUN CAPS coding and robotics curriculum could inspire and empower the next generation of tech innovators.

Many had the opportunity to meet our team and discover how Future-FUN CAPS made learning coding and robotics fun and interactive in schools. Together, we took a step towards building the future! 💡



Sheila Mamosebetsi Setai
Director
Future Teacher

Stay Safe Online: The Importance of Strong Passwords

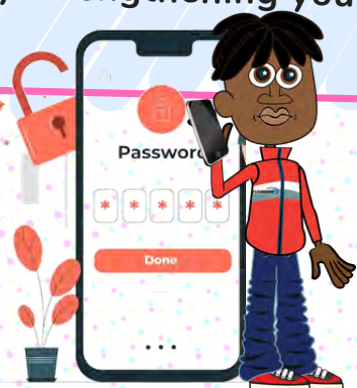
With the rise of online transactions and social media, creating a secure password has never been more important. A strong password protects your personal information, prevents unauthorized access, and keeps your online accounts safe from cyber threats. Stay vigilant by using unique, complex passwords and updating them regularly. Your security starts with a strong password!



TIPS FOR CREATING A STRONG PASSWORD

Keep your online accounts secure with these simple tips:

- 🔑 Use a mix of characters – Include uppercase, lowercase, numbers, and symbols.
 - 🔑 Make it long – Aim for 12-16 characters for stronger security.
 - 🔑 Avoid common words – Skip “password123” or easy-to-guess patterns.
 - 🔑 Don't reuse passwords – Each account should have a unique password.
 - 🔑 Try a passphrase – A random sentence is easier to remember and harder to crack.
- Stay safe online by strengthening your passwords today!



TRAINING

Dates for Term 2

FFC CAPS Training

FFC Training Germiston 14 April
FFC Training Prieska 30 April
FFC Training online 7-8 May
FFC Training Home Schools 17 April

Skillspro & Futurekids

Skillspro ICT Training 15 April
FutureKids ICT Training Gr R - 7
24 April

Coding and Robotics

CR CAPS Level 1 6 - 7 May
CR CAPS Level 2 20 - 21 May
CR CAPS Level 3 27 - 28 May
HTML 29 May

Cluster Coding and Robotics training

Jacobsdal schools – CR CAPS
Unplugged Level 1
8 April

Franschhoek & Somerset-Wes schools
in Franschhoek - CR CAPS Unplugged
Level 1
10 April

Graaff Reinett- CR CAPS Unplugged
Level 1
29 April

Webinars

15-April

Jumpstart to Learning: Grade R Webinar

20-May

Scratch Coding Unleashed: Tips & Tricks

22-May

FreeCAD in Action: From Concept to Creation

18-19 June

Assessing Language with Confidence

Register for Our Upcoming Webinars!

Join us for insightful webinars designed to enhance your skills and knowledge. Registration is free!

For more information or to secure your spot, email us at alti@skillspro.co.za or elaine@skillspro.co.za.

Don't miss out—register today!





The Ultimate Membership Community for Educators

Become part of a global movement that empowers Kids & Teens with vital **ENTREPRENEURSHIP, FINANCIAL LITERACY & 21st Century SELF-EMPLOYMENT SKILLS.**

MEMBERSHIP PORTAL



A Business Academy at Your School

Want to set up a **Young Entrepreneurs Business Academy** at your school? Our comprehensive set of age-specific programmes will allow you to empower and capacitate kids and teens to become the authors of their own destiny. We understand entrepreneurship and know how to instill essential entrepreneurial mindset attributes in children.

Get access to:



14 CURRICULUMS (AGES 7-18)

Our age-specific curriculums were designed by industry professionals & our methodology guided by international best practices.



GROUP COACHING SESSION

Be part of our monthly group coaching sessions and learn best practices in instilling a winning mindset in kids & teens.



ONLINE COMMUNITY PLATFORM

Become a member of our informative Facebook-like community of like-minded peers in changing the world one child at a time.

We provide:

For each Curriculum

- A **Workbook** - professionally designed & age-appropriate
- A **Facilitator Guide** - with step-by-step Instructions
- An interactive **PowerPoint** - for each lesson
- **Facilitation Tools** - for fun activities & games

Bonus Material

- Parent Workshop on '**How to raise business-minded children?**'
- Parent Workshop on '**How to raise money-smart kids?**'
- Course Material & Resources for 3 x **Holiday Programmes**

The Business Academy

- A detailed **Framework & Implementation Plan** to set up a Young Entrepreneurs Business Academy at your school + establishing an supportive entrepreneurial ecosystem in the surrounding community.

More Information

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Farewell and New Beginnings at Skillspro

This month, we bade farewell to Jomandi Steyn, a valued member of our team. We sincerely appreciated her dedication and contribution, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. She will always be part of the Skillspro family!



At the same time, we are excited to welcome two new team members, Cheyanne Robertson and Melissa du Plooy. Their skills and enthusiasm will undoubtedly bring fresh energy to our team, and we look forward to all the great things we will accomplish together.

Change is never easy, but it brings new opportunities, and we are eager to embrace this next chapter with optimism and excitement!






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