



Curriculum Overview 2025-26



Pathway: Skills for Life

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English	Cultural Diversity in Our Community. Book: Mixed Story. Reading for meaning. Shape coding and sentence work. Other subject links: Humanities : apartheid, segregation PSHE: being different		People Who Change the World: Biography. Book: Malala Yousafzai . Resilience, Overcoming prejudice, Fighting for rights to education Other subject links: Humanities : Asia Science : different habitats PSHE: resilience		Historical and Factual Story Book: Rose Blanche Reading comprehension, Past perfect forms of verbs critical thinking, empathy prejudice and moral responsibility Other subject links: Humanities : Europe, map reading Science : Nutrition, Sounds and their sources, Seasonal change PSHE: resilience, responsibility, and the impact of conflict on individuals and communities	
Maths	Numbers 1 Comparing, ordering, and spelling numbers Numbers 2 Addition, subtraction, basic multiplication, and basic division Measurements 1 Basic measures, money, and time	Shapes 2D & 3D shapes and their properties Statistics Tables, Tally tables and bar graphs Numbers 2 review Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division	Numbers 3 Rounding numbers and quantities, negative numbers Geometry Review Position of objects, angles, and turns Measurements 2 Basic calculations of money and time	Fractions Half, quarter, & basic fractions. Graphs Review Tables, Tally tables and bar graphs	Shapes Review 2D & 3D shapes and their properties Measurements 3 Areas, perimeters, and volumes	Fractions Review Half, quarter, & basic fractions. Geometry Review Position of objects, angles, and turns
PSHE	Baby to adult changes since we were a baby, Changes at puberty body parts including genitalia, changes that occur during puberty Emotional regulation Dealing with touch privacy, unwanted touch		Self-awareness: express feelings, identify strengths,		Healthy lifestyle mental health and wellbeing, importance of healthy living (food, exercise, sleep)	
Science	Materials their properties and use. Separating and insulting materials. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> observing closely using simple equipment performing simple tests gathering and recording 		Forces Pull, push Understanding gravity. Magnets Effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction.		Electricity Electrical appliances: mains- or battery powered. Identifying different circuit components Building series circuits, identifying, and explaining whether they are complete or incomplete.	

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Humanities	The Stone Age Developing chronologically secure knowledge . Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources(cave paintings) Developing the appropriate use of historical terms.	Ancient Egypt Discovering facts about the ancient Egyptians. Investigating different artefacts and understand how they can give us answers about the past.(pyramids , tombs). Learning the importance of the river Nile in ancient Egypt.	Mansa Musa and The Kingdom of Mali. Understanding who Mansa Musa was and why he is remembered. Learning about the location of Mali and its importance in history. Compare life in Mali during the 14th century to life in the UK today. Exploring how trade and religion shaped Mali's wealth and culture.	Communication in the past William Caxton and invention of printing press. Invention of telegraphs and Morse code. Alexander Graham Bell and the invention of the telephone.	WW2 Can War ever be justified? https://lovelearningtpt.org/teaching-about-world-war-two/ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introducing the concept of a world war in simple terms. Understanding why children were evacuated. Exploring what everyday life was like and how people stayed safe Understanding the idea of peace and remembering. 	
Art	Colour my World Colourscape and Poetry Researching the work of Paul Klee- Symbols in art Linked to Movement Works.		Linked to Music- Philharmonic orchestra Project Animation		Environment- Art Influence -Hundertwasser Architecture	
ICT/ Computing	Digital writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the keyboard Adding and removing text Exploring the toolbar Making changes to text Explaining my choices Pencil or keyboard? 		Navigate the PowerPoint , Key note . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> planning and structure a presentation creating, inserting, and formatting various types of content, including text, images, and graphics. using animations and transitions delivering a presentation confidently to an audience. 		Animation	
Deaf Studies	Our Clothes and Hats Book: Hats of the world Focus: Placement and referent, description, verbs, WHERE and DO WHAT?		People who help us Focus on use of nouns and verbs relating to the roles (Teacher – teach) Plurals		All About Teeth Book: What if you had animal teeth Focus: Describing/adjectives, use of classifiers, plurals, referents and pre-labelling.	
Craft	Kite project Exploring paper folding – testing ideas Kites from around the world Triangulations – how can you make shapes stronger?	Exploring designs and kite use Planning designs Construction of kites Testing	Kandinski: Colour and feelings Exploring ideas and images Instruments around the world	Timeline of instruments- exploring different countries & instruments making instruments from recycled products	Environmental Artists First Nationals- People on the move Designing a print for a school bad Introduction to the sewing machine	Printing and heat transfer work Designing and making a shoe bag
Cooking	Safety Introduction to Food Technology- developing awareness of health and skills building.	Healthy eating and kitchen skills	Healthy eating – increasing how many fruit and vegetables we eat	Healthy eating – developing kitchen skills	Understanding where food comes from /healthy eating	Understanding where food comes from/ healthy eating
Expressive arts						

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Horticulture	Getting ready to work in the garden Weather discussion and appropriate clothing. Using tools safely How to clean the tools Keeping the area tidy Create the craft things for Christmas Fair Harvesting crops Sowing winter flowering veg Indoor sprouting. Start house plant cuttings		Sowing Prepare the growing area Sowing the vegetable/herbs seeds and seedlings indoor/outdoor Sowing the flowers seeds Propagate the plants Keeping the area tidy		Planting Keeping the area tidy Growing the seeds/seedlings/plants Propagate the plants Create the craft things for Summer Fair	
Leisure and recreation	Fitness To develop their health/skill related fitness skills and promote lifelong physical wellbeing.	Boccia Develop precision, control, tactical thinking, and inclusivity through target-based play.	Kurling Develop accuracy, control, tactical awareness, and inclusivity through target-based play.	Polybat Develop coordination, tactical awareness through target-based play	Panathlon Sports Develop teamwork, confidence, and inclusivity through a variety of adapted competitive activities.	Cricket Develop teamwork, strategic thinking through batting, bowling, and fielding.
	Swimming Weekly swimming lessons are provided to pupils to help them develop an important life-saving skill that will be ingrained in them throughout their lives. Being able to swim and understand essential water safety skills is paramount to their overall safety when around water.					