

Whole School Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring		Summer	
EYFS 1	Let's Explore  This project teaches children about the environments that they share with others, including their homes, school and places in the local community.	Marvellous Machines  This interest-led project teaches children about the technology that is part of their daily lives and how machines help us. The project gives children the opportunity to build and create marvellous machines.	Long Ago  This project teaches children about how they have grown and changed since they were babies and how life in the past was different from today.	Ready Steady Grow  This project teaches children about food and farming and explores themes, including where food comes from, what plants and animals need to grow and survive and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle.	Animal Safari  This project teaches children about the animals that live around the world, how to look after animals and the importance of caring for our local and global environments.	On the Beach  This project teaches children about the plants and animals that live at the seaside. It also explores holidays in the past and the importance of keeping safe in the Sun.
	Build it up  . This project teaches children about structures and materials and gives them the opportunity to work in groups to create collaborative structures.	Puppets and Pop ups  This creative project explores puppets and pop up books and gives children the opportunity to make puppets and use them to tell exciting stories.	Stories and Rhymes  This project teaches children about traditional stories and rhymes and gives them the opportunity to play with words and learn new vocabulary.	Signs of Spring  This project teaches children about the changes that happen during the spring, including weather and the festivals that are celebrated at this time of year.	Creep, Crawl and Wiggle  This mini project teaches children about invertebrates that live in their gardens and local environment.	Move it  This mini project teaches children about the importance of exercise, sleep and a balanced diet, and explores outdoor, summer games and activities.
EYFS 2	Me and My Community  This project teaches children about the different communities that they are part of and explores themes including family, friendship, school and people who help in the local community	Once Upon a Time  This language-rich project supports children to develop a love of stories and reading. It encourages children to learn, retell and act out familiar and traditional tales, including Goldilocks, The Three Little Pigs and Cinderella.	Starry Night  This project teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals and people who work at night.	Dangerous Dinosaurs  This exciting interest-led project teaches children about the different creatures that roamed Earth millions of years ago and how they are related to animals that live on Earth today	Sunshine and Sunflowers  This project teaches children how to care for the plants and animals that live and grow in their local environments.	Big Wide World  This project teaches children about the global community they belong to and explores how plants, animals, communities and weather can differ around the world.

	Exploring Autumn  This mini project teaches children about the natural changes that happen during autumn, including how the weather changes, why trees lose their leaves and how wild animals prepare for the cold weather coming in winter	Sparkle and Shine  This mini project teaches children about the celebrations and traditions that take place during the winter holiday season, both in the UK and around the world.	Winter Wonderland  This mini project teaches children about the changes that happen during winter, including the different types of weather associated with the winter season. It also explores environments that have snow all year round.	Puddles and Rainbows  This mini project teaches children about the weather that happens during spring and allows them to explore natural phenomena, including rainbows.	Shadows and Reflections  This mini seasonal project teaches children about natural phenomena, including how shadows change size during the day and how the lengths of the days change during the year.	Splash! /  This mini project teaches children about floating and sinking, freezing and melting and why it is important to keep hydrated on hot days Moving On.  This mini transition project celebrates the children's successes throughout the year. It explores how they have grown and changed and supports them with the changes to come as they move from Reception into Year 1.
Year 1	Childhood (History)  This project teaches children about everyday life and families today, including comparisons with childhood in the 1950s, using artefacts and a range of different sources.	Bright Lights Big City (Geography)  This project teaches children about the physical and human characteristics of the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the characteristics and features of the capital city, London.	School Days (History)  This project teaches children about their own school and locality, both today and in the past. They compare schooling in the Victorian era to their experiences today.			
	Everyday Materials (Science) This project teaches children that objects are made from materials. They identify a range of everyday materials and their sources. Children investigate the properties of materials and begin to recognise that a material's properties define its use. Human Senses (Science) This project teaches children that humans are a type of animal known as a mammal. They name and count body parts and identify similarities and differences. They learn about the senses, the body parts associated with each sense and their role in keeping us safe.	Seasonal Sunrays (Science) This project teaches children about the seasons, seasonal changes and typical seasonal weather and events. They learn about measuring the weather and the role of a meteorologist. Children begin to learn about the science of day and night and recognise that the seasons have varying day lengths in the UK. Rain & Sunrays (Art & Design) This project teaches children about collagraph printing, including how to develop a motif to make single and repeated prints.	Plant Parts (Science) This project teaches children about wild and garden plants by exploring the local environment. They identify and describe the basic parts of plants and observe how they change over time. Animal Parts (Science) This project teaches children about animals, including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals and invertebrates. They identify and describe their common structures, diets, and how animals should be cared for. Street View (Art & Design)			

Year 2	Mix It (Y1) (Art & Design) This project teaches children about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork. Funny Faces and Fabulous Features (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the concept of the portrait and how the collage technique can be used to make a portrait. Shade & Shelter (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about the purpose of shelters and their materials. They name and describe shelters and design and make shelter prototypes. Children then design and build a play den as a group and evaluate their completed product. Our Wonderful World (Geography) This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about physical and human features, maps, cardinal compass points, and positional and directional language. They learn about the equator, hemispheres and continents and are introduced to the countries, capital cities and settlements of the United Kingdom. The children carry out simple fieldwork to find out about local physical and human features.	Taxi (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about wheels, axles and chassis and how they work together to make a vehicle move.	This project teaches children about artwork depicting streets and buildings and focuses on the work of the American pop artist, James Rizzi. They create a 3-D mural based on Rizzi's work. Chop Slice and Mash (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about sources of food and the preparatory skills of peeling, tearing, slicing, chopping, mashing and grating. They use this knowledge and techniques to design and make a supermarket sandwich according to specific design criteria.
	Movers & Shakers (History)  This project teaches children about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. They will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance.	Coastline (Geography)  This project teaches children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Whitby, in Yorkshire.	Magnificent Monarchs (History)  This project teaches children about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 to the present day. Using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources, they build up an understanding of the monarchs and then research six of the most significant sovereigns.
	Human Survival (Science) This project teaches children about the basic needs of humans for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. They learn how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood. Habitats (Science) This project teaches children about habitats and what a habitat needs to provide. They explore local habitats to identify and name living things and begin to understand how they depend on one another for food and shelter.	Uses of Materials (Science) This project teaches children about the uses of everyday materials and how materials' properties make them suitable or unsuitable for specific purposes. They begin to explore how materials can be changed. Plant Survival (Science) This project teaches children about the growth of plants from seeds and bulbs. They observe the growth of plants firsthand, recording changes over time and identifying what plants need to grow and stay healthy.	Animal Survival (Science) This project teaches children about growth in animals by exploring the life cycles of some familiar animals. They build on learning about the survival of humans by identifying the basic needs of animals for survival, including food, water, air and shelter. Portraits & Poses (Art & Design) This project teaches children about portraiture. They analyse the portraits of Tudor monarchs and compare Tudor portraits

	Mix It (Y2) (Art & Design) This project teaches children about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork. Still Life (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the work of significant still life artists and still life techniques. They explore a wide variety of still lifes and learn about the use of colour and composition. They create still life arrangements and artwork. Remarkable Recipes (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about sources of food and tools used for food preparation. They also discover why some foods are cooked and learn to read a simple recipe. The children choose and make a new school meal that fulfils specific design criteria. Let's Explore the World (Geography) This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about atlases, maps and cardinal compass points. They learn about the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom and find out why there are hot, temperate and cold places around the world. They also compare England to Somalia. Children carry out fieldwork, collecting primary data in their locality to answer geographical questions.	Flower Head (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the visual elements of flowers, including shape, texture, colour, pattern and form. They also explore various artistic methods, including drawing, printmaking and 3-D forms, using paper and clay. Beach Hut (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about making and strengthening structures, including different ways of joining materials.	and selfies today. They use photo editing software to create royal portraits. Cut, Stitch & Join (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about fabric home products and the significant British brand Cath Kidston. They learn about sewing patterns and using a running stitch and embellishments before making a sewn bag tag. Push & Pull (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about three types of mechanism: sliders, levers and linkages. They make models of each mechanism before designing and making a greetings card with a moving part.
	Through The Ages (History)  This project teaches children about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement.	Rocks, Relics & Rumbles (Geography)  This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity.	Emperors & Empires (History)  This project teaches children about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.
	Animal Nutrition and the Skeletal System (Science) This project teaches children about the importance of nutrition for humans and other animals. They learn about the role of a skeleton and muscles and identify animals with different types of skeleton.	Forces & Magnets (Science) This project teaches children about contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism. They investigate frictional and magnetic forces, and identify parts of a magnet and magnetic materials. Ammonite	Plant Nutrition and Reproduction (Science) This project teaches children about the requirements of plants for growth and survival. They describe the parts of flowering plants and relate structure to function, including the roots and stem for transporting water, leaves for making food and the flower for reproduction.
	Year 3 and 4		

	Contrast & Complement (Art & Design) This project teaches children about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of tertiary colours, warm and cool colours, complementary colours and analogous colours, and how artists use colour in their artwork. Prehistoric Pots (Art & Design) This project teaches children about Bell Beaker pottery. It allows the children to explore different clay techniques, which they use to make and decorate a Bell Beaker-style pot. Cook Well, Eat Well (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about food groups and the Eatwell guide. They learn about methods of cooking and explore these by cooking potatoes and ratatouille. The children choose and make a taco filling according to specific design criteria. One Planet, Our World (Geography) This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children to locate countries and cities, and use grid references, compass points and latitude and longitude. They learn about the layers of the Earth and plate tectonics and discover the five major climate zones. They learn about significant places in the United Kingdom and carry out fieldwork to discover how land is used in the locality.	(Art & Design) This project teaches children about artistic techniques used in sketching, printmaking and sculpture. People & Places (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the genre of figure drawing. They study the figure drawings and urban landscapes of the artist LS Lowry and create artwork in his style to show scenes from their school. Making it Move (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about cam mechanisms. They experiment with different shaped cams before designing, making and evaluating a child's automaton toy.	Light and Shadow (Science) This project teaches children about light and dark. They investigate the phenomena of reflections and shadows, looking for patterns in collected data. The risks associated with the Sun are also explored. Mosaic Masters (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the history of mosaics, before focusing on the colours, patterns and themes found in Roman mosaic. The children learn techniques to help them design and make a mosaic border tile. Beautiful Botanicals (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the genre of botanical art. They create natural weavings, two-colour prints and beautiful and detailed botanical paintings of fruit. Greenhouse (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about the purpose, structure and design features of greenhouses, and compares the work of two significant greenhouse designers. They learn techniques to strengthen structures and use tools safely. They use their learning to design and construct a mini greenhouse.
	Dynamic Dynasties (History)  This project teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explores the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today.	Sow, Grow & Farm (Geography)  This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas.	Groundbreaking Greeks (History)  This project teaches children about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical age, and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece.
Year 5	Forces and Mechanisms (Science) This project teaches children about the forces of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction, with children exploring their effects. They learn about mechanisms, their uses and how they allow a smaller effort to have a greater effect. Earth and Space (Science)	Human reproduction & Aging (Science) This project teaches children about animal life cycles, including the human life cycle. They explore human growth and development to old age, including the changes experienced during puberty and human reproduction. Line, Light & Shadow	Properties and Changes of Materials (Science) This project teaches children about the wider properties of materials and their uses. They learn about mixtures and how they can be separated using sieving, filtration and evaporation. They study reversible and irreversible changes, and use common indicators to identify irreversible changes. Mixed Media

	This project teaches children about our Solar System and its spherical celestial bodies. They describe the movements of the Earth and the other planets relative to the Sun, the Moon relative to Earth, and the Earth's rotation to explain day and night. Tints, Tones and Shades (Y5) (Art & Design) This project teaches children about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and exploring mixing tints, shades and tones. They learn about significant landscape artworks and features of landscapes before using this knowledge to create landscape paintings. Taotie (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the significance and art of the taotie motif, including ancient and contemporary casting methods. Moving Mechanisms (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about pneumatic systems. They experiment with pneumatics before designing, making and evaluating a pneumatic machine that performs a useful function. Investigating Our World (Geography) This essential skills and knowledge project teaches children about locating map features using a range of methods. They learn about the Prime Meridian, Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), and worldwide time zones and study interconnected climate zones, vegetation belts and biomes. Children learn about human geography and capital cities worldwide before looking at the UK motorway network and settlements. They carry out an enquiry to identify local settlement types.	(Art & Design) This project teaches children about the visual qualities of line, light and shadow. They explore the work of Pablo Picasso and Rembrandt and are introduced to a range of shading techniques. They take black and white photographs and use pencil, pen and ink wash to reimagine their photographs in a shaded drawing. Nature's Art (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the genre of land art. They work outdoors to sketch natural forms and explore the sculptural potential of natural materials before working collaboratively to create land art installations. Eat the Seasons (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about the meaning and benefits of seasonal eating, including food preparation and cooking techniques.	(Art & Design) This project teaches children about paper crafts, papermaking and collage techniques, including paper, fabric, mixed media and photo collage. They use their learning to create a final piece of small-scale, mixed media collage. Expression (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the Expressionist art movement and the 'Father of Expressionism', Edvard Munch. They explore different ways to portray feelings and emotions in art to create an imaginative self-portrait. Architecture (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about how architectural style and technology has developed over time and then use this knowledge to design a building with specific features.
Year 6	Maafa (History)  This project teaches children about Africa past and present, with a particular focus on Benin. It traces the development of the slave trade and explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European	Frozen Kingdoms (Geography)  This project teaches children about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles, and includes a detailed exploration of the environmental factors that shape and influence them. Why are things	Britain at War (History)  This project teaches children about the causes, events and consequences of the First and Second World Wars, the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great

	colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora.	classified?: Children learn about the principles of classification and create their own keys to classify each other	Britain was affected and the legacy of the wars in the post-war period.
	Circulatory System (Science) This project teaches children about the transport role of the human circulatory system, its main parts and primary functions. They learn about healthy lifestyle choices and the effects of harmful substances on the body. Tints, Tones & Shades (Y6) (Art & Design) This project teaches children about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and exploring mixing tints, shades and tones. They learn about significant landscape artworks and features of landscapes before using this knowledge to create landscape paintings. Trailblazers, Barrier Breakers (Art & Design) This project teaches children about significant black artists and their work and provides opportunities to analyse and create artwork inspired by them. Food for Life (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about processed food and healthy food choices. They make bread and pasta sauces and learn about the benefits of whole foods. They plan and make meals as part of a healthy daily menu and evaluate their completed products. Our Changing World (Geography) This essential skills and knowledge project revises the features of Earth, time zones and lines of latitude and longitude to pinpoint places on a map. Children find out more about map scales, grid references, contour lines and map symbols. They learn about climate change and the importance of global trade. Children analyse data and carry out fieldwork to find out about local road safety. They study patterns of human settlements and carry out an enquiry to describe local settlement patterns.	Electrical Circuits and Components (Science) This project teaches children about electrical circuits, their components and how they function. They recognise how the voltage of cells affects the output of a circuit and record circuits using standard symbols. It also teaches children about programmable devices, sensors and monitoring. They combine their learning to design and make programmable home devices. Inuit (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the Inuit way of life, including some of their cultural and artistic traditions. Environmental Artists (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the genre of environmental art. They study how artists create artwork that addresses social and political issues related to the natural and urban environment. Children work collaboratively to create artwork with an environmental message. Engineer (Design & Technology) This project teaches children about remarkable engineers and significant bridges, learning to identify features, such as beams, arches and trusses. They complete a bridge-building engineering challenge to create a bridge prototype.	Light Theory (Science) This project teaches children about the way that light behaves, travelling in straight lines from a source or reflector, into the eye. They explore how we see light and colours, and phenomena associated with light, including shadows, reflections and refraction. Evolution & Inheritance (Science) This project teaches children how living things on Earth have changed over time and how fossils provide evidence for this. They learn how characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring and how variation in offspring can affect their survival, with changes (adaptations) possibly leading to the evolution of a species. Distortion & Abstraction (Art & Design) This project teaches children about the concepts of abstraction and distortion. They study the visual characteristics of abstraction and create a musically-inspired, abstract painting. Bees, Beetles and Butterflies (Art & Design) This project teaches children about sketchbooks, observational drawing, mixed media collage and Pop Art. They consolidate their learning to make a final piece of artwork inspired by bees, beetles or butterflies. Make Do and Mend: This project teaches children a range of simple sewing stitches, including ways of recycling and repurposing old clothes and materials.