



New Curriculum Themes and Coverage  
Academic Year 2017-2018

Key Stage One - Years 1 and 2

Autumn Term 2017	<p><b>London’s Burning!</b></p> <p>As the title suggests, pupils will be learning all about a time when London really was burning! This topic focuses on The Great Fire of London - an event beyond living memory which is nationally significant. Pupils will also learn about bonfire night and its significance through an in depth study of Guy Fawkes. Art work will focus on firework pictures as well as sketches of the landscape of London - including important landmarks of the city, both then and now.</p>
Spring Term 2018	<p><b>At the bottom of the garden...</b></p> <p>This topic is based around plants and mini beasts, helping pupils to develop an understanding of what really can be found at the bottom of their garden! They will engage with investigative work in order to find out about the life cycle of different plants - observing how seeds and bulbs grow. They will become experts on common plants (both garden plants and wild plants) and will learn about evergreen and deciduous trees. Through art and DT lessons, pupils will have the opportunity to make bird boxes, clay plant pots and even create their very own garden!</p>
Summer Term 2018	<p><b>“Ahoy there matey! We’re all going on a summer holiday!”</b></p> <p>This topic will fully immerse children in all things associated with seaside holidays. They will learn about seaside holidays of the past and will study the physical features of local seaside areas including Redcar itself and Saltburn. Through art and DT lessons, pupils will have the opportunity to make sand sculptures, paint shells and also make lighthouses! The properties of floating and sinking will be explored through working with boats and pupils will also develop an understanding of the process of melting using a traditional seaside treat - ice cream!</p>

## Lower Key Stage Two - Years 3 and 4

Autumn Term 2017	<p><b>The Tudors</b></p> <p>Pupils will learn about British history beyond 1066 by completing an in-depth study of the Tudors. They will learn about Henry VIII by studying his life (including the life and death of his six wives!) and will have the opportunity to develop their art skills by replicating famous portraits of important Tudor figures. Pupils will develop and refine their cooking skills, as they prepare and make a traditional Tudor feast for their friends, families and teachers to enjoy! They will also learn about the significance of the Tudor rose and the famous piece of music 'Greensleeves' - which it has been suggested was written by Henry VIII himself!</p>
Spring Term 2018	<p><b>China</b></p> <p>Through this topic, pupils will be transported back in time to Ancient China where they will learn about some of the earliest dynasties. Exciting celebrations will take place for Chinese New Year, providing pupils with the opportunity to develop an understanding and appreciation of this important date in the Chinese calendar. There will be lots of opportunities throughout the topic for pupils to develop their art and DT skills, as they design and make a variety of authentic Chinese artefacts including: the famous 'willow pattern' tableware, special Chinese lanterns, Chinese fans and even an ancient Chinese abacus! A topic on China certainly would not be complete without experiencing some traditional Chinese cuisine!</p>
Summer Term 2018	<p><b>The Ancient Egyptians</b></p> <p>This topic is an in depth study of Ancient Egypt. Through a range of literature as well as hands-on, practical activities, pupils will learn about this ancient civilisation and will have opportunities to study, and replicate, some of their main ideas and achievements. This will include learning about hieroglyphics and being able to decipher them. Pupils will also think about mechanics as they design and make their own shaduf - a device used by the Egyptians for lifting water out of a well or reservoir. Pupils will also develop their understanding of physical geography, as they study the world's longest river - Egypt's River Nile.</p>

## Upper Key Stage Two - Years 5 and 6

Autumn Term 2017	<p><b>Best of British</b></p> <p>This is a study of British history which focuses on the time from 1066 onwards. As part of their study, pupils will look at the life of famous figures including Queen Victoria. They will examine the life and works of English textile designer William Morris and there will be the opportunity to replicate some of his work. Pupils will develop an understanding of the history of music, as they come to reflect on British music through the ages: there'll certainly be plenty of time to sing and perform too!</p>
Spring Term 2018	<p><b>The Animal Kingdom</b></p> <p>This is a science-based topic, which focuses on developing pupil's knowledge and understanding of animals; including how nutrients and water are transported within animals (as well as humans). Pupils will be encouraged to think about the classification of living things (micro-organisms, plants and animals) based on observable characteristics and they will be extended to think about evolution, linked to animals and how they have evolved over time.</p>
Summer Term 2018	<p><b>The Greeks</b></p> <p>This is a study of Greek life and achievements and their influence on the Western world - for example, the Olympics. As part of this work, pupils will develop their ability to design and make sculptures based on the work of famous artists and architects, focusing on Greek pottery. They will further refine their cookery skills by making a variety of authentic Greek dishes to share as part of their very own Greek banquet! There will be the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of the geography of Greece, as well as of the wider world - including the rest of Europe, North America and South America - through map work which focuses on environmental regions as well as the physical and human geography of countries and major cities.</p>