



Curriculum Themes and Coverage
Academic Year 2016-2017

Key Stage One - Years 1 and 2

Autumn Term 2016	<p>Once Upon a Time...</p> <p>Pupils will explore a range of traditional tales including Jack and the Beanstalk, The Princess and the Pea, Beauty and the Beast, The Gingerbread Man and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They will also look at more modern, popular children's books including The Jolly Christmas Postman. Pupils will engage in a wide range of practical, 'hands-on' activities linked to these texts and will even have opportunities to carry out fairy tale science and DT challenges using a range of materials - from building beds and castles to creating talking books on the computers!</p>
Spring Term 2017	<p>Fighting Fit!</p> <p>Through this topic, pupils will learn more about the basic parts of the human body. They will think carefully about the importance of exercise, personal hygiene and a balanced diet. Pupils will also study the lives of significant individuals of the past who have contributed to national and international achievements, including Neil Armstrong and Florence Nightingale.</p>
Summer Term 2017	<p>Around the World in 80 days...</p> <p>Through this topic, pupils will develop their knowledge and understanding of the wider world in which they live. They will extend their map work skills to include independent work with atlases and globes, as they locate the continents and oceans of the world. Pupils will also explore the similarities and differences between the UK and other non-European countries. Thinking about modes of transport for travelling 'Around the World', pupils will also find out about a significant event beyond their living memory (the first aeroplane flight)!</p>

Lower Key Stage Two - Years 3 and 4

Autumn Term 2016	Hunter Gatherers This is a prehistory study, which will focus on the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This covers 5 main time periods: Palaeolithic Period, Mesolithic Period, Neolithic Period, Bronze Age and Stone Age. This takes us right up to the Roman invasion in AD43! During this topic, pupils will have the opportunity to explore a range of fiction and non-fiction literature, which will help them learn about the early people and the ‘hunter-gatherer’ lifestyle. They will explore how settlements, food, weapons and people have evolved through the ages.
Spring Term 2017	The Roman Empire Through this topic, pupils will learn about The Roman Empire and its’ impact on Britain. We will be focussing specifically on the empire by AD42 and pupils will explore the power and success of the Roman army at this time. Important Roman inventions and achievements will be investigated, including Hadrian’s Wall. Just like the Romans were, pupils will master the skills needed in order to design and make their own authentic mosaics. They will also learn to tell the time like the Romans did by learning about Roman numerals and sun dials -clocks and sun dials will be made using a range of materials.
Summer Term 2017	Proud of Where We Live! Pupils will look at several aspects of national history and examine how these are reflected in the local area - so there will be lots of opportunities to venture out and about! We will be focusing specifically on mining. We will explore local landscapes and use these as a basis for artwork - drawing, sketching and digital imaging. Pupils will also complete their own fieldwork, which will include measuring, observing, recording and presenting the human and physical features of the local area using a range of methods (sketch maps, plans, graphs and digital technology). Pupils will be encouraged to think about why they are ‘proud of where they live’ but also to think about how they can improve the area. The issue of recycling will be explored through a range of literature and creative, ‘hands-on’ activities using lots of recyclable materials!

Upper Key Stage Two - Years 5 and 6

Autumn Term 2016	Viva La Mexico! This is a study of a non-European society that contrasts with British history. Pupils will learn about the Ancient 'Mayan' civilisation through a range of literature and creative activities. This will include designing and making Mayan books (codices) and traditional musical instruments (maracas). Throughout the topic, pupils will be encouraged to consider the wider impact of this civilisation; particularly as they come to think about the importation and exportation of some of the foods that we eat today (there will be lots of opportunities for food making and tasting)! Pupils will compare the physical and human geography of Mexico with the United Kingdom and they will also learn more about the cultures and traditions of modern-day Mexico.
Spring Term 2017	SPACE This topic focuses on developing pupils' knowledge and understanding of the Earth, Space and Forces. They will learn about the movement of the Earth, moon and other planets in the solar system and will be able to describe the relative shape and size of each of these. Pupils will also learn about the forces of water resistance, air resistance, gravity and friction and will be able to describe the effects of these forces on both unsupported and moving objects. Pupils will have the opportunity to design and make their own rockets and solar systems, using a range of resources - including electrical components. They will be encouraged to reflect upon their work, and the work of others, during the design and implementation processes.
Summer Term 2017	Vicious Vikings This is a study of both the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings. Pupils will explore Britain's settlements by the Anglo-Saxons and the Scots. They will also look at the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England, to the time of Edward the Confessor. There will be opportunities for pupils to design and make their own Viking longboats as well as perform a range of Viking saga songs as solo pieces and as part of larger ensembles.