

Columbia Primary School

Creative Curriculum

Whole School Topic Overview

Year 1	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Ready Steady Go	In the Dark	Home Sweet Home	Dressing Up	The Garden	Once Upon a Time...
Subject Lead	Science /PHSE	Science /Geography	Science/Art	Geography/Science/Art	Science	English/History
Trips	Our school	Local area	Geffrye Museum, Museum of Childhood (dolls house)		Victoria Park, Geffrye Museum Garden	Leeds Castle, Hackney City Farm
Key Events	Settling in/transition	Bonfire Night				Sports Day
English Narr	Stories with patterns	Stories with patterns	Traditional tales/fairy tale	Stories from other cultures	Fantasy Settings	Traditional tale/Fairy Story
English Non-Fic	Labels, lists and captions	Labels, lists and captions	Non -chronological reports	Recounts: of familiar events	Instructions	Non -chronological reports
English Poetry	Poems to recite	Poems on a topic or theme	Nursery Rhymes			
Key texts	Titch. My History. Me.	It was a cold, dark night	The Three Little Pigs	Jamela's Dress	Where the Wild Things Are	Cinderella
Maths	Maths Mastery. Links to topics: measures, data handling, shape and space.					
Science On-going – weather and seasons	Human body: how our senses help us understand our environment	Identify & name a variety of common animals inc fish, birds amphibians, reptiles, mammals	Distinguish between an object and the materials it is made from. Properties of materials - identify, describe and classify everyday materials	Properties of materials - identify, describe and classify everyday materials	Identify and name plants. Identify and describe the basic structure of plants.	See on-going Summarise observations about weather and seasons.
History	Own history	Sig historical events Bonfire Night – fireworks, safety.	Sig historical people and events -local	Changes in living memory Old and new clothes		Sig historical places Life in a castle
Geography	MF: Our classroom	PG: Weather, seasons	LP: UK Places, London MF: Local maps	LP: World clothes, hot and cold places. MF: Use maps and globes	HG: Parks, gardens etc MF: Make simple maps.	MF: Story Maps HG: Farm, castle
Art		D and P Close observation	A and C (S/3D)	A and C Print		
DT	(Mech) Model of classroom				(F) Salad/soup – short unit	(Str) Make house/furniture
Music	Columbia scheme of work, songs related to topic					
	Janine				Janine	
Computing	Safety		Research		Coding	
PE	Val Sabin scheme of work					
						Russell
PSCHE	Health and wellbeing; relationships; living in the wider world; SRE	Health and wellbeing	Relationships			Living in the wider world
	Growth Mindset, class/school council					
Spanish	Columbia Scheme - tutor led					
RE	Tower Hamlets scheme of work					

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Year 2	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Music Maker	Fire! Fire!	Wheels	Animal Adventure	Habitats	Sowing Seeds
Subject Lead	Science/Music/DT	History	DT/Science	English/Science	Science/Art	Science
Trips	Concert		London Transport Museum	London Zoo	Local Area	Garden Centre
Key Events	Black History Month				SATS	Sports Day
English Nar	Legends		Familiar settings	Adventure stories	Sig author: Roald Dahl	Traditional tales with a twist
English Non-Fic	Instructions	Recount - letters/diary	Non-chronological report	Persuasion – advert		Explanations
English Poetry		Poems with structure: riddles			Poems on a theme	Classic poetry
Key texts	Pied Piper	The Great Fire of London	Mrs Armitage on Wheels	Meerkat Mail	The Magic Finger Animal Party	The Pea and The Princess
Maths	National Curriculum. Links to topics: measures, data handling, shape and space.					
Science	Sound	Materials – uses, changing through bending, stretching, twisting etc.	Materials – uses	Describe animals. Basic needs of animals Food chains	Animal Habitats	Living, dead and non-living Describe plant growth and what they need to grow,
History	Changes in living memory History of recorded sound	Sig historical people and events – Fire of London	Sig historical events/people History of the wheel Women/transport			
Geography	LP: World Music – locate on a map	HG: Local features PG: Weather LP: London	HG: Transport links LP: Transport hubs	MF: World Maps, places, climate PG: Deserts, mountains etc	MF: Maps and routes LP: Compass and direction	LP: Local area study HG: Green Spaces
Art		A and C (S/3D)		(Print) Photography	A and C (D and P)	
DT	(Str) Musical instrument	(F)Could make bread linked to changing in science.	(Mech) Make a wheeled vehicle.			(F) Healthy snack/meals
Music	Columbia scheme of work, songs related to topic					
				Janine (Vocal Day)		Janine
Computing	Safety		Coding		Research	
PE	Val Sabin scheme of work					
	Russell					
PSCHE	Relationships	Health and wellbeing			Health and wellbeing; living in the wider world	Relationships - SRE
	Growth Mindset, class/school council					
Spanish	Columbia Scheme - tutor led					
RE (LBTH)	Tower Hamlets scheme of work					

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Year 3	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Lights and Lanterns	Active Planet	We Are What We Eat	The River Nile	Where in the World?	Going Green
Subject Lead	Art/Science	Geography/Science	Science/Art	History	Geography/MFL	Science/PSCHE
Trips	Neasden Temple	Natural History Museum	City Farm	British Museum	Brick Lane, Greenwich	Kew Gardens
Key Events	Black History Month					Sports Day
English Narrative	Sig author: Philip Pullman	Play scripts	Adventure	Myths	Sig author: Mary Hoffman	Fairy tales
English Non-Fic	Non-chronological reports	Recount: biography (school report)	Recount: diaries	Explanation		Persuasion: letters
English Poetry	Poems with structure Calligrams/Shape				Poems on a topic or theme	Classic poetry for performance
Key texts	The Firework Makers Daughter	Ug Boy Genius of the Stone Age	Gorilla	The Egyptian Cinderella	The Colour of Home	Jack and the Beanstalk
Maths	National Curriculum. Links to topics: measures, data handling, historic number systems, shape and space.					
Science	Light, shadows and reflections	Rocks, Fossils,	Animal muscles, skeletons and nutrition,	Forces – how things move on different surfaces, floating and sinking	Magnetism, magnetic poles	What plants need? Function of parts of plant. Plant lifecycle.
History	Sig historical events Lighting through history	Stone Age, Bronze Age	Iron Age – Early farming	Ancient Egypt	Local history Immigration	
Geography	HG: Energy and sustainability, natural resources, energy MF: Night maps	PG: Geology - earthquakes, mountain formation, volcanoes	HG: Trade Links, Fairtrade LP: Origins of foods	PG: Rivers, deserts, HG: Irrigation LP: Egypt	LP: World Countries, cities PG: Oceans, islands, etc, MF: World maps, atlases and globes	HG: Ecology and natural environment LP: Rural vs urban
Art	A and C Shadow Puppets		A and C (S/3D) Bones			(Print) Patterns in nature
DT			(F) Smoothies	(Str) Making boats	(Mech) Interactive display	
Music	Columbia scheme of work, songs related to topic					
	Ocarina	Ocarina	Ocarina	Ocarina	Ocarina	Ocarina
Computing	Coding		Safety		Research	
PE	Val Sabin scheme of work					
				Russell		
PSCHE	Relationships		Health and wellbeing; Living in the wider world	Living in the wider world	Living in the wider world	Health and wellbeing; Relationships; SRE
	Be The Best You Can Be, Growth Mindset, class/school council					
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Year 4	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	The Romans	Explorers	Weather Report	Chocolate	Getting the Message	Robots
Subject Lead	History	History/Geog/Science	Science/Geography	DT/Science/PSCHE	English/Music	Computing/DT/Science
Trips	Museum of London/Nat Gallery	Maritime Museum Overnight Golden Hinde	Local area, TATE Britain	School kitchens	British Library/Horniman	Science Museum
Key Events	Black History Month					Sports Day
English Narrative	Myths	Fantasy	Fairy tales	Sig author: Roald Dahl	Film and play scripts	Sci Fi Issues and dilemmas
English Non-Fic	Explanation	Non-chronological reports		Persuasion: sales pitch	Discussion: debate and report	Recounts: newspaper reports
English Poetry		Poems on a theme	Poems with structure - Haiku		Classic poetry	
Key texts	Romulus and Remus Novel?	Edward Tulane	The Snow Queen Tales of HC Anderson - Walker,	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (book and film)	Flat Stanley	Iron Man
Maths	National Curriculum. Links to topics: measures, data handling, historic number systems, shape and space.					
Science	Digestion	Living things - classification and environment	States of matter Water cycle – evaporation and condensation	States of matter Heating and cooling Teeth	Sound and Hearing	Electricity, circuits Appliances
History	Romans in Britain	Theme in British history Exploration/explorers		Non-European history Maya, Aztecs	Sig historical people/events History of communication	
Geography	LP: Europe, Rome/Italy, HG: Roman legacy, roads, viaducts, aqueducts etc MF: Roman Empire	LP: World countries, The Americas MF: Plotting routes, compass	PG: Weather and climate, rivers MF: Weather maps and symbols	LP: South/Central America HG: Fair trade, food miles etc.	HG: Impact/types of communication MF: Routes of communication	HG: Impact of tech on communities and work
Art	A and C		(D and P) Colour mixing, Cover for fairy tale book		(Print) Image/lettering to communicate a message	
DT		(Tex) Bag for an explorer	Weather station?	(F) Cooking with chocolate		(Elec) Cardboard box robots
Music	Columbia scheme of work, songs related to topic					
			Janine		Janine	
Computing	Safety		Research		Coding	
PE	Val Sabin scheme of work, swimming throughout year					
					Russell	
PSCHE	Living in the wider world.	Relationships; living in the wider world; health and well being		Health and wellbeing; living in the wider world	Relationships	Health and wellbeing; relationships; SRE
	Be The Best You Can Be, Growth Mindset, class/school council					
Spanish	Columbia Scheme - tutor led					
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Year 5	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Victorians - Machines	Victorians – Street Child	Potions and Poisons	Out of this World	Invaders and settlers Battle for the kingdom	Predator and Prey
Subject Lead	History/Science/DT	History	Science	Science/History	History/Art	English/Science
Trips	Geffrye Museum	Ragged School/walk around Dickens' London	Gorsefield.	Greenwich Planetarium Science Musuem	British Museum	Soanes Centre
Key Events	Black history month				Year 5 Banding tests	Sports Day
English Narrative	Warning story	Escape from the Workhouse		Sci Fi: Change of setting (or quest)	Legends: Defeat the monster	Film and play script
English Non-Fic	Mixed – Non chronological report and explanation	Recount: newspaper, magazine, TV etc	Discussion		Explanation	Persuasion
English Poetry			Poems with figurative language – spell poem	Poems with figurative language – What is the Sun?	Poems with a structure: kennings	Classic narrative poetry
Key texts	Clockwork	Street Child	Harry Potter and the Philospher's Stone	Phoenix SF Said	Arthur High King of Britain	The Highwayman
Maths	National Curriculum. Links to topics: measures, data handling, historic number systems, shape and space.					
Science	What is a machine? (Levers gears and pulleys. Friction.) Materials –properties and uses.		Reversible/irreversible changes, mixing dissolving, Separating mixtures	Sun, Earth and Moon, Gravity, History of Scientific ideas	Materials – properties and uses. Magnets – metal detector	Food Chains, adaptation to environment eg camouflage.
History	Industrial Revolution (Victorians) History of machines/inventions	Social history Victorian street children, Barnardo's, The Workhouse	Sig historical people Famous chemists and scientists	Sig historical events Moon landing	Anglo Saxons and Vikings Battle for the kingdom	Social history Crime and punishment – highwaymen.
Geography	HG: Natural resources MF: Maps of Britain	MF: Maps – Tube map LP: London place names	HG: Pollution	MF: Time Zones, lat/long, satellite. LP: Seasons, Day and Night	HG: Settlements and land use. LP: Scandinavia; Place names in UK	MF: Maps of Britain, routes LP: Places in Britain.
Art		Photography			A and C (textile/collage) Story of the invasions	A and C (3D)
DT	(Mech) Gears		(F) Skin cream	(Str) Rocket gantry		
Music	Columbia scheme of work, songs related to topic					
	Janine			Janine (TH Voices)		
Computing	Safety/Coding		Safety/Coding		Research	
PE	Val Sabin scheme of work					
		Russell				
PSCHE	Living in the wider world	Living in the wider world	Health and well being; relationships	Relationships	Health and wellbeing; living in the wider world	SRE
	Be The Best You Can Be, Growth Mindset, class/school council					
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Year 6	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Belonging	WW2 The Home Front	WW2 - Refugee	Odysseus		Identity
Subject Lead	PSCHE	History	History	English		English/Science
Trips	The Globe?	Gorsefield	IWM			
Key Events			Holocaust Memorial Day	SATs revision	SATs revision	Sports Day
English Nar	Use time to assess and review reading and writing skills.	Friend or Foe – Point of view of another character/ extra chapter	Journey story building suspense, fear.	Defeat the monster story		
English Non-Fic	Persuasion – Friendship squad. Newspaper report – Romeo and Juliet	Diaries – In role as William from Goodnight Mr Tom		Discussion Diaries Recount		Recount – biography (Identity project)
English Poetry			Imagery/figurative language Sensational			
Key texts	Holes – class novel Romeo and Juliet	Friend or Foe Goodnight Mr Tom – film	Rose Blanche Once	Odysseus		Skellig
Maths	National Curriculum. Links to topics: measures, data handling, historic number systems, shape and space					
Science	Healthy lifestyles - diet and nutrition and drug education (PSCHE)	Light and shadows	Electrical circuit components	Healthy lifestyles - exercise, human heart and circulation		Evolution and inheritance. Living things and their habitats.
History	Sig historical people: Shakespeare	WW2 – causes, who was involved. The Home Front - The Blitz and evacuees.	WW2 – Learning from history. The Holocaust, Kindertransport, Anne Frank. Refugees today	Legacy of ancient Greece: culture – citizenship, Olympics		
Geography	MF: Maps of Britain/Europe LP: Places in Britain – cities and counties.	HG: Contrasting regions in the UK MF: Symbols and keys	MF: Maps of Europe LP: Places in Europe. HG: Journeys and routes.	MF: Maps of Europe LP: Places in Europe. HG: Journeys and routes.		
Art		A and C (Mixed media) Andy Goldsworthy or Light and shadow		(D and P) Illustration		
DT			(Elec systems) code machine			
Music			Janine			Janine
Computing	Safety		Coding		Research	
PE	Val Sabin scheme of work					
			Russell			
PSCHE	Health and wellbeing Relationships	Health and wellbeing	Relationships Living in the wider world	Health and wellbeing Living in the wider world		
	Be The Best you Can be, Growth Mindset, class/school council					
Spanish	Columbia Scheme – tutor led					
RE (LBTH)	Tower Hamlets scheme of work					