

Explorers – Curriculum Overview B 2026-2027



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<i>Key vocab in italics</i>	AUTUMN 1 Heroes and Villains	AUTUMN 2 Out of this World	SPRING 1 Storytelling	SPRING 2 Spring has Sprung	SUMMER 1 Wonderful World	SUMMER 2 Adventures
ENRICHMENT	Environment walks around school grounds. Food tasting and exploring our senses linking to Shrove Tuesday and Chinese New Year. Visiting All Saints Church. Pantomime visit. Infants Nativity play. Observations of new and old houses in our area. Creepy Crawly Roadshow visit. Class caterpillars and butterflies. Mother's Day tea party. Easter themed melting and cooling activities (chocolate nests). Father's Day tea party. Sports Day. Sports Day. Visit to new class/transitions.					
ENGLISH Nursery	Lulu Loves Nursery The Colour Monster	Penguin Whatever Next	The Gingerbread man Little Red Riding Hood	The Very Caterpillar Jack and the Beanstalk	The Odd Fish My World Your World	The Gruffalo We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Reception & Year 1	Super Milly and the Super School Day	Astro Girl	The Magic Paintbrush	Tiny Seed	Dinosaurs and all that rubbish	The See-Saw
	Superworm	The Comet	Wolves	The Odd Egg	Dear Earth	Julian is a Mermaid
	The Day the Crayons Quit / The Crayons Book Of Feelings		Jim and the Beanstalk		Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain	Yeti and the bird
	<i>Letters, diaries, sequels, posters, job applications, story maps, speech bubbles, captions, interviews, lists, instructions, poetry, full stop, capital letter, finger spaces, noun, adjective, verb, digraph, grapheme, phoneme, sentence.</i>	<i>Descriptions, fact files, commands, non-fiction reports, information booklets, how to guides, descriptions, posters, letters of advice, poems, recipes, narratives, plural, pronoun, split digraph, root word, punctuation.</i>	<i>Thought bubbles, labels, oral re-telling, writing in role, thank you letters, own version 'overcoming' tale, non-chronological leaflets captions, information writing, character descriptions, comparisons, sequel stories, thought bubbles, informal letters.</i>	<i>Labels and captions, re-telling, writing in role, narrative, letter, advice leaflet, non-fiction report, thought and speech bubbles, diaries, letters, certificates, questions, word class.</i>	<i>Future aspirations, a set of instructions, poems, travel blogs/vlogs, persuasive speeches, letters, informative leaflet, labels and captions, re-tellings, simple explanations, tourist information leaflet, word family, prefix, suffix</i>	<i>Writing in role, notes of advice, missing posters, diary entries, letters of thanks, three-verse poems Instructions, writing in role, advertisements, own version narratives about unlikely friendships List of rules, letters, postcards, character descriptions.</i>
Phonics	Phase 1	Phase 2 Bug club Phase 2	Phase 3 Bug club Phase 3	Phase 3 Bug club Phase 3	Phase 3 review	Phase 4 Bug Club Phase 4
EYFS	Bug Club Phase 1 – Units A-F (3 weeks) 7 Aspects Start Phase 2 when students are ready	GPCs: s, a, t, p, l, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss	GPCs: j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng	GPCs: ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ear, air, ure, er	Consolidate and review all Phase 2 and 3 GPCs and HFW taught to date. Consolidate handwriting.	Adjacent consonants consolidation: CVCC, CCVC, CCVCC, CCCVCC

		HFW decodable- at, as, an, it, in, is, dad, can, on, not, got, mum, up, get, had, back, his, big, him, if, of, off, but. HFW irregular words- to, the, no, go, I, into, her.	HFW decodable- will, that, this, then, them, with. HFW irregular words- me, be, he, my, by, she, they.	HFW decodable- look, see, too, for, now, down. HFW irregular words- they, we, are, you, all, was, give, live.	HFW irregular words- said, have, like, so, do	HFW decodable- went, from, children, just, help. HFW irregular words- some, come, were, there, little, one, when, out, what.
Y1	Blend and segments words with adjacent consonants. Recognise all Phase 4 tricky words: said, have, like, so, do, some, come, were, there, little, one, when, out, what.	Blend and read words with adjacent consonants. Units 13-16- Phase 5 Phonemes: wh, ph, ay, a-e, eigh, ey, ei, ea, e-e, ie, ey, y, ie, i-e, y, i. Tricky words: oh, their, people, Mr, Mrs, Ms, looked, called, asked, water, where Read books from these units.	Blend and read words with adjacent consonants. Units 17-20- Phase 5 Phonemes: ow, o-e, o, oe, ew, ue, ue-, u, oul, aw, au, al, ir, er, ear. Tricky words: who, again, thought, through, work, laughed, because, Thursday, Saturday, thirteen. Read books from these units.	Blend and read words with adjacent consonants. Units 20-24- Phase 5 Phonemes: ir, er, ear, ou, oy, ere, eer, are, ear, c, k, ck, ch, sc, st, se. Tricky words: different, any, many, eyes, friends, two, once, great, clothes. Read books from these units.	Blend and read words with adjacent consonants. Units 25-27- Phase 5 Phonemes: g, dge, le, mb, kn, g, n, wr, tch, sh alternatives, ea, s, a, o. Tricky words: it's, I'm, I'll, I've, don't can't, didn't, first, second, third. Read books from these units.	Blend and read words with adjacent consonants. Units 28-29- Phase 6 Suffix: -ing, -ed, s, es, ss, x, es. Prefix: re-, un-. Read books from these units.
MATHS (Red Rose) Year 1	Number and place value Length and mass Addition and subtraction 2D and 3D shapes	Sequencing and sorting Fractions Capacity and volume Money Time	Number and place value Mass 2D and 3D shapes Counting and money Multiplication Division	Length and mass Addition and subtraction Fractions Position and direction Time	Number and place value Addition and subtraction Capacity and volume Fractions Position and direction Shape	Time Multiplication and division Statistics and calculation Measurement Sorting and sequencing
	<i>Counting, numerals, comparing, quantity, groups, tens, represent, find, one more/ less, height, length, mass, measure, number bond,</i>	<i>Fives, twos, repeating pattern, criteria, sort, part, whole, equal parts, fraction, one half,</i>	<i>Count to, count back, compare, order, 10 more/ less/ fewer, position, number line, measure, mass, circle, triangle, square</i>	<i>Measure, record, length, height, mass, represent, addition facts, subtraction facts, part, whole, one-digit, missing number, half,</i>	<i>Identify, compare, position, number line, 10 more/ less/ fewer, base ten, missing number, partition, 2 digit, capacity, volume,</i>	<i>Hour, half hour, problems, multiplication, division, groups, equal, array, block diagram, information, mass,</i>

Reception	<i>solve, one step, add, ones, subtract, circles, triangles, square rectangle, oblong rectangle, sphere, pyramid, cube, cuboid</i> <i>Place value, multiple, exchange, partition, most, least, compare, one digit, two-digit, missing number, reason, add, subtract, 2D, 3D</i>	<i>One quarter, language, record, capacity, 1p, 2p, 5p 10p, 20p, value, Amount, order, price, days of the week, months, duration, time, O'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past, 15 minutes, double, repeated addition, array, multiplication, pattern, sequence, table, block graph, pictogram, tally chart. Data, transfer, half, equal, set, quarter, millilitres, litres, capacity, bridge</i>	<i>rectangle, oblong rectangle, sphere, pyramid, cube, cuboid, sort, twos, fives, 10s, coins, notes, equal groups, double, multiplication, problem, halve, division, add, order, bead string, round, equipment, exchange, add, subtract, difference, partition, combinations, remainder, sharing, division, multiplication</i>	<i>even, odd, quarter, capacity, volume, whole turn, half turn, direction, position, describe, sequence, time, hour, half hour, centimetres, meters, exchange, symmetry, sort, quarter, turn, shape, amount, 5s, nearest 5 minutes</i>	<i>half, quarter, shape, quantity, quarter turn, three quarter turn, position, ordinal numbers, time, 2D, 3D, reason, recognise, repeating pattern, extend number sequence, represent, partition, greater, less than, scales, reference, temperature, one third, 5 minutes clockwise, anticlockwise, vertical line of symmetry, sort and reason, arrange</i>	<i>length, height, capacity, volume, 2s, 5s, 10s, sorting objects, sorting numbers, criteria, repeating pattern bridge, add, subtract</i> <i>Round, multiplication and division, remainder, interpret data, construct, sort, criteria, pictograms</i>
	Numbers 1 to 4 1-1 Correspondence sequencing Subitising 2D shapes Problem solving	Numbers 5-10 Representation, subitising, cardinality, comparison Stampolines Estimation	Counting and comparing Partitioning Addition and subtraction Comparing measures Sorting and patterning	Shape Addition and subtraction Multiplication and Division Space Time	Counting, comparing, and ordering. Numbers to 20 Measures (Length, Mass and Capacity) Money Shape, Sorting and Patterning	Multiplication and Division Space Time Addition and subtraction Numbers to 20
	<i>Numbers, numerals, subitise, counting, puzzles, amount, sequence, shapes, 2D, 3D, solid, flat, parts, set</i>	<i>Patterns, guess, estimate, subitise, shape, count, accurate, stop, compare, different, same, bigger, smaller.</i>	<i>Compare, part, whole, weight, length, height, capacity, shape properties, patterns, same, different, add, take away, bigger, smaller.</i>	<i>2D shapes, rotate, sides, vertices, corners, addition, subtraction, more, fewer, patterns, same, subitise, order.</i>	<i>Ordering, length, distance, money, coins, height, route, tangrams, shape, rotate, amount, ten frame, weight, heavier, lightest.</i>	<i>Match, numeral, odd, even, ordinal, patterns, rotate, time, morning, afternoon, night, addition, subtraction.</i>

PSHE	My Healthy Self-Emotions	Connecting with others- feeling happy and safe	The Online World	Health Protection	Staying Safe	Citizenship
	<i>Anger, body clues, calm, disgust, emotions, face clues, fear, happiness, relax, rule, sadness, safe, surprise, trust, trusted adult, uncomfortable.</i>	<i>Fair, friendly, lonely, polite, safe, share, strengths, trust, trusted adult, unfair.</i>	<i>Balance, digital device, healthy, internet, online, rule, safe, screen time, trusted adult.</i>	<i>999, doctor, dentist, emergency, first aid, germs, illness, injury, medicine, prevent, protect, serious, spread, unwell, urgent.</i>	<i>Body clues, comfortable, danger, emergency, harm, road safety, rule, safe, trusted adult, uncomfortable, unsafe, 999.</i>	<i>Care, environment, need, rule, safe.</i>
PE	FMS: Baseline Unit	FMS: Rolling a ball	FMS: Overarm throw	FMS: Catching and Bouncing	FMS: Kicking	FMS- Seaside
	<i>Roll, accuracy, tactics, throw, catch, possession, attack, defend.</i>	<i>Roll, accuracy, tactics, throw, catch, possession, attack, defend.</i>	<i>Overarm, throw, skill, accuracy, run, technique, tactic, opponent.</i>	<i>Catching, accuracy, skill, tactic, opponent, technique, bouncing, dodging.</i>	<i>Kick, control, accuracy, skills, opponent, defend, attack, dodge.</i>	<i>Gymnastics, crab walk, jumping, running, balance.</i>
	FMS: EYFS	FMS: Underarm throw	FMS: Gymnastics	FMS: Dance- mini beasts	FMS: Athletics	FMS: End of Unit assessment
	<i>Fundamental, movement Skills, run, jump, space, climb, throw, bounce, hop, catch</i>	<i>Underarm, gallop, accuracy, target, tactic, attack, defend, throw.</i>	<i>Balance, jump, roll, finish, travel, egg roll, pencil roll, teddy bear roll, sequence, travel.</i>	<i>Theme, movement, pattern, shape, feeling, space, link, sequence, rhythm, beat.</i>	<i>Rhythm, roll, accuracy, direction, underarm, jump, distance, posture, skills, technique.</i>	<i>Underarm, overarm, distance, run, control, accuracy, obstacle, speed, agility.</i>
COMPUTING Y1 & EYFS	Commands Unplugged & All about Instructions	Skills showcase Rocket to the moon & Anti-bullying week	Improving Mouse Skills & Exploring hardware	Virtual Bee Bots & Programming Bee-Bots	Creating media: Digital Imagery & Using a Computer	Year 1 Data handling: Introduction to data EYFS: Introduction to data
Online Safety Project Evolve & Theme Days	Image and Identity	Online Relationships	Online Reputation Safer Internet Day	Online Bullying	Privacy and security	Health, Wellbeing and Lifestyle

	<i>Account, click, clipart, computer, drag, drag and drop, layers, log off, log on, mouse, password, predict, resize, screen (monitor), software, and tool.</i>	<i>annotate, cells, components, create, data, debug, designing, digital content, digital image, document, e-document, edit, editing software, editing program, evaluate, folder, graphics, input, instructions, log in, photo, program, order, robot, save, sequence, share, software, spreadsheet, table.</i>	<i>Command, error, instructions, order, safer internet day, world, safe, online, device.</i>	<i>Algorithm, Bee-Bot, code, debug, demonstration, explain, explore, filming, inputting, instructions, pause, precise, predict, program, review, test, tinker, video.</i>	<i>background, blurred, camera, clear, crop, delete, device, digital camera, download, drag and drop, edit, editing software, filter, image, import, internet, keyword, online, photograph, resize, save as, screen, search engine, sequence, software, storage space, visual effects.</i>	<i>bar chart, block graph, branching database, categorise, chart, click and drag, compare, count, data, data collection, data record, data representation, edit, input, keyboard, line graph, mouse, information, label, pictogram, pie chart, process, record, resize, sort, table, tally, values.</i>
HISTORY	How am I making history? Y1 Can you guess who? My life timeline. Family Tree. Autumn/Winter cultural celebrations. EYFS		How have toys changed? Y1 Toy Box. Past and Present. EYFS		What amazing things did Mary Anning discover? Y1 My achievements. EYFS	
	<i>Family, mother, father, brother, sister, grandparents, change, different, memory, past, present, festival, tradition, lights, food, fireworks, family, Bonfire night, Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas.</i>		<i>Artefact, change, clue, different, memory, past, present, similar, timeline, change, event, future.</i>		<i>Change, discovery, different, scientist, event, fossil, history, past, similar, timeline, source, painting, evidence, significant.</i>	
GEOGRAPHY	What is it like here? Y1 Exploring Maps. EYFS		What is the weather like in the UK? Y1 Outdoor adventures. EYFS		What is it like to live in Shanghai? Y1 Around the world. EYFS	
	<i>Aerial photograph, atlas, beach, city, country, directional language, feature, fieldwork, land, locate, location, map, north, place, questionnaire, sea, survey, symbol, town, village.</i>		<i>Atlas, autumn, direction, east, England, Europe, map, north, Northern Ireland, place, Scotland, season, south, spring, summer, United Kingdom, Wales, weather, west, and winter.</i>		<i>Continent, country, different directional language, near, far, next to, behind, key, human feature, map, physical feature, similar, symbol.</i>	

ART	Drawing: Exploring line and shape- Y1 Drawing: Marvellous marks- EYFS Artist: Vincent van Gogh Seasonal: Salt dough decorations, nature wreathes		Painting and mixed media: colour splash-Y1 Painting and mixed media: paint my world- EYFS Artist: Georgia O’Keefe Seasonal: Petal mandala		Craft and Design: Woven wonders- Y1 Sculpture and 3D: Creation station Artist: Andy Goldsworthy Seasonal: Salt painting	
	<i>Vertical, horizontal, diagonal, cross-hatch, optical art, 2d shape, 3d shape, abstract, narrative, printing, shade, form, continuous, dots, shadow, charcoal, pastel.</i>		<i>Roll, smooth, flatten, cut, pinch pot, thumb pot, ceramic, glaze, score, slip, surface, join, sculptor, plaster, casting, negative space.</i>		<i>Mixing, primary colour, secondary colour, texture, collage, overlap, detail, surface.</i>	
DESIGN TECHNOLOGY	Mechanisms: Matching slider game. Y1 Structures: Boats (Floating and sinking). EYFS Seasonal: Vegetable soup (Harvest), Sliding Santa’s chimneys. EYFS		Textiles: Simple stitches. Y1 Textiles: Bookmarks. EYFS Seasonal: Mother’s Day cards, Easter decorations. Hibernation boxes. EYFS		Cooking and nutrition: smoothies. Y1 Cooking and nutrition: Rainbow salad. EYFS Seasonal: Father’s Day cards.	
	<i>Waterproof, absorb, prediction, variable, experiment, investigation, float, sink, junk, join, stick, cut, bend, slot, scissors, measure, materials, fix.</i>		<i>Thread, weave, pattern, sew, sewing needle, embroider, design, evaluate.</i>		<i>Healthy, balanced diet, healthy eating, healthy lifestyle, mind, body, brain, chopping board, knife, fruit and vegetable names, and adjectives such as: sweet, sour, soft, crunchy, delicious, yummy, and tasty.</i>	
MUSIC	Superheroes: Pitch. Y1 Exploring sound. EYFS	Keeping the pulse. Y1 Celebration music. EYFS	Fairytales: Sound patterns. Y1 Musical stories. EYFS	Snail and mouse. Y1 Music and movement. EYFS	Under the sea: Musical symbols. Y1 Transport: EYFS	Seaside dynamics. Y1 Big Band: EYFS
	<i>High, low, pattern, performance, pitch, tempo. Voice, sound, whisper, speaking, high, low, higher, lower, rhythm, beat, stomp, instrumental, tempo, fast, slow, creaking.</i>	<i>Pulse, singing voice, speaking voice, thinking voice, African music, culture, instrument, call, response, Christmas, Christian, action, songs, Diwali, celebration.</i>	<i>Character, voice, sound pattern, lyrics, verse, music, classical music, dynamic, musical story, percussion, pitch, high, low, loud, quiet.</i>	<i>Beat, fast, singing voice, slow, speaking voice, warm up, heartbeat, pulse, steady, repeat, constant, piece, composer, scarf, dance.</i>	<i>Dynamics, pitch, rest, sound pattern, tempo, car, boat, train, fast slow, boat, speed, cruise, rowing, water, beat, slower, stopping journey</i>	<i>Dynamics, instrument, seaside, soundscape, symbol, volume, Band, sound, tap, bang, strum, jingle, pitch, orchestra, dynamic, beat, conductor, percussion, rhythm, strings, brass, wind</i>