Year 1 and 2 Curriculum Overview – Cycle A (2023-24)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Memory Box	Heroes and Villains	Towers, Tunnels and Turrets	Paws, Claws and Whiskers	Tomorrow's World	Carnival of Colour
Class Text(s)	Yr 1 – The Great Big Book of Families Spells-a-popping Granny's Shopping Yr 2 – Children of the World Polonius the Pit Pony	Yr 1 – The Hero's Quest Wonderful Winter (poems) Yr 2 – A little Princess (classic) Winter Bees	Yr 1 – Katie in Scotland Ye 2 – Quest (Pictures only) Winter Story All: London Non-Fiction	Yr 1 – Puss in Boots (Fairy tale) Animal Poems Yr 2 – Fantastic Mr Fox The Day the Crayons Quit All: Animal Non-Fiction	Yr 1 – Greta and the Giants Yr 2 – The Great Kapok Tree	Yr 1 – The Extraordinary Gardiner Yr 2 – The Big Book of Blooms A Variety of film clips to aid descriptive writing.
History	Homes (past and present)	The Gunpowder Plot Significant Individual — Guy Fawkes War (past and present) Nurses then and now: Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Nellie Spindler, Edith Cavell	Significant Individual William the Conqueror and King Charles Similarities and Differences in ways of life – Focus on Monarchy Skipton Castle & Balmoral Castle	Significant Individual Study David Attenborough	Conservation Significant Individual Greta Thunberg	Significant Individual Study
Geography	School, Own Locality – Maps	British Isle- Focus on London	British Isle- Focus on England and Scotland Comparison	Hot and Cold Places Contrasting Localities (Africa and Antarctica)	Human Impact on locality, Wider World Study (Conservation)	Human Impact on Locality, Wider World Study (Culture)
	British Isles and Continent (Europe)	North America	Australasia		Extreme Weather – Focus on impact of 'Wild Weather' and conservation. (South America)	Similarities and Differences, Ways of Life - focus on Asia
Art	Sketching and Drawing Skills Portraits Artists Frida Kahlo and Picasso	Sketching and Drawing Skills Figures Artists Sonia Delaunay(Designer)	Yr 1 – Weaving Yr 2 - Sewing Sketching and Drawing Skills Building and Structures Artists Sir Charles Barry (Architects) and Stephen Wiltshire	Yr 1 & 2 - Collage Sketching and Drawing Skills Animals Artists Megan Coyle and Jane Perkins	Yr 1 & 2 – 3D Sculptures Sketching and Drawing Skills Observational Drawing Artists Barbra Hepworth (Sculptor) and Adrian Moakes	Sketching and Drawing Skills Plants and Living Things Artisits Jeff Hanson and Huang Guou
DT	Textiles Puppets	Mechanisms Making a moving story book.		Structures Constructing a windmill		Cooking and nutrition Smoothies

		A pop up book based on a story read.				
Science	Investigation Process – Working Scientifically	Yr 1 & 2 – Materials and Their Properties	Yr 1 & 2 – Animals including humans	British Science Week: Yr 1 & 2 – Animals including humans	Yr 1 - Working Scientifically Yr 2 – Living things and their habitats	Yr 1 & 2 – Plants
Computing	Computer systems and networks. IT around us.	Creating media Digital Photography	Programming A- Robot algorithms	Data and information- Pictograms	Creating media, digital music	Programming B Programming quizzes
PE – Indoor	Gym FMS	Dance – Fire Fire	Gymnastics	Dance – Three Little Pigs	Gymnastics	Dance – Explorers
PE – Outdoor	Underarm and Overarm Throw	Catching and Bouncing	Rolling and Kicking a Ball	OAA – The Great Outdoors	Striking and Fielding	Athletics
Music	Yr 1 – Hey You Yr 2 – Hands, Feet, Heart	Yr 1 – Banana Rap Yr 2 – Ho Ho Ho	Yr 1 – Into the Groove Yr 2 – I Wanna Play in a Band	Yr 1 – Round and Round Yr 2 - Zootime	Yr 1 – Your Imagination Yr 2 – Friendship Song	Yr 1 & 2 – Reflect, Rewind and Replay
RE	What does it mean to belong to a faith community?		Who is a Christian and what do they believe?	Who is Jewish and what do they believe?	What makes some places sacred?	
PSHE	Being Me In The World	Celebrating Differences.	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Growing Up