

Year 2 Cycle 1 (Y2 content)

Mixed Age Teaching Long Term Overview and Curriculum

Sequencing

2025 – 2026

Autumn 2025	Spring 2026	Summer 2026
CUSP Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridging unit: Structured Storytime Grandad's Island 1 Block Aesop's Fables - The Goose that laid the Golden Eggs 1 Block Paddington 2 Blocks The Christmas Pine 1 Block or The Last Tree 1 Block 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Quangle Wangle's Hat 1 Block or Somebody Crunched Colin 1 Block Coming to England 1 Block The Street Beneath My Feet 1 Block or A Planet Full of Plastic 1 Block Rhythm of the Rain 2 Blocks Aesop's Fables – The Sun and The Wind 1 Block 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little People Big Dreams (DA) 1 Block Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World 2 Blocks Mrs Noah's Pockets 1 Block Fantastic Mr Fox 3 Blocks or The Enormous Crocodile 3 Blocks
CUSP Writing Introduce = green (Block A) Revisit = orange (Block B) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridging unit: Sentence composition Character descriptions A Simple retelling of a narrative A Formal invitations A Poems developing vocabulary A Stories from other cultures A 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poetry on a theme (humorous) A Non-chronological reports A Formal invitations B Character description B Recount from personal experience A Poems developing vocabulary B (Enrichment) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-chronological reports B Recount from personal experience B Stories from other cultures B Simple retelling of a narrative B Poetry on a theme (change) B (Enrichment)
Mathematics Y2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place Value Addition and Subtraction Shape 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Money Multiplication and Division Length and Height Mass, capacity and temperature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fractions Time Statistics Position and direction
CUSP Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living things and their habitats Animals, including humans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses of everyday materials Revisit Living things and their habitats / materials <i>(or alternative focus for insecure knowledge)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plants Revisit Living things and their habitats / Animals, including humans <i>(or alternative focus for insecure knowledge)</i>
CUSP Art and Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drawing Block A Painting Block B 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative Response Block 2026 Printmaking Block C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textiles and collage Block D 3D Block E
Unity iPad Computing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Everyone Can Create: Drawing People and Places Everyone Can Code Early Learners: Variables and App Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Online Safety: Smartie the Penguin Scratch: Musical Actions and Sequences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology All Around Us Everyone Can Create: Photo Collages
CUSP Design and Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textiles Block A Food and Nutrition Block B <i>Sci Living things</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mechanisms Block C Materials Block D <i>Sci Use of Everyday materials</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food and Nutrition Block E Structures Block F
CUSP Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human and Physical features Compare a small part of the UK to a non-European location – London and Nairobi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare a small part of the UK to a non-European location – London and Nairobi Fieldwork and map skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fieldwork and map skills Compare a different non-European location to our locality - Amazon Rainforest
CUSP History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events beyond living memory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant historical events, people, places in our locality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant historical events, people, places in our locality Revisit – Events beyond living memory <i>(or alternative focus for insecure knowledge)</i>

CUSP Music - Tuned and untuned percussion Untuned percussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untuned focus: Experimenting with sounds 2 Block A Representing sounds pictorially Block A Singing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singing focus: Being together in music 2 Block B Control the voice – sing as a choir Block B 	Untuned percussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Untuned focus: Introducing rhythm and pulse 2 Block C Compose short patterns Block C Singing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singing focus: Introducing pitch 2 Block D Control and describe pitch Block D 	Untuned percussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuned focus: Introducing tempo and dynamic 2 Block E Control and describe tempo and dynamic Block E Singing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singing focus: Exploring emotions through music 2 Block F Choose sounds to create an effect Block F
Physical Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fundamentals Team Building Ball Skills Dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sending and Receiving Gymnastics Invasion Fitness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletics Target Games Striking and Fielding Net and Wall
PSHE Relationships Families and friendships Making friends; feeling lonely and getting help Safe relationships Managing secrets; resisting pressure and getting help; recognising hurtful behaviour Respecting ourselves and others Recognising things in common and differences; playing and working cooperatively; sharing opinions	Living in the Wider World Belonging to a community Belonging to a group; roles and responsibilities; being the same and different in the community Media literacy and digital resilience The internet in everyday life; online content and information Money and work What money is; needs and wants; looking after money	Health and Wellbeing Physical health and Mental wellbeing Why sleep is important; medicines and keeping healthy; keeping teeth healthy; managing feelings and asking for help Growing and changing Growing older; naming body parts; moving class or year Keeping safe Safety in different environments; risk and safety at home; emergencies
Religious Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 The Bible. Why is it such a special book? 2.2 Christmas. Why was the birth of Jesus such good news? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.3 Jesus, friend to everyone 2.4 Easter. How do symbols help us to understand the story? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.5. Why is the Church a special place for Christians? 2.6. What happened at the Ascension and Pentecost?
Enrichment Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Archive Workshop - Great Fire of London 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In school 'Trashion' show (recycled materials made in to clothes and accessories) Wigan Life Museum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit a or Zoo or animal petting zoo in school Mosque visit/visitor
Raise money for charity Be an entrepreneur Visit a place of beauty Take part in a performance Learn with an author Perform a dance Play in a competitive sport event Showcase Learning Celebration		
Christian Values Throughout the year children have opportunities to reflect, discuss and learn about all Christian Values through Collective Worship, Religious Education and the wider curriculum: Creativity, Respect, Perseverance, Forgiveness, Peace, Trust, Compassion, Generosity, Justice, Friendship, Responsibility, Thankfulness, Service, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Wisdom, Hope, Koinonia		
Global Dimension Themes Famine, Community links and roles, Human rights and fairness, Lent appeal Fairtrade, Change for the better, Clean Air, Poverty, Human rights and justice Sustainability for the future, Homelessness, Fairness in the world, Change for the better, Clean water		

Autumn Term Suggested Sequence

MA KS1 Cycle 1 Autumn 2025				Science 1.5 hours	
Sep 1	Geography	Human and physical features		STRONG START	Living things
	Art	Drawing Block A			

8	History	Events beyond living memory – Great Fire of London		What is alive and what is not?													
	Art	Drawing															
15	Computing	Everyone Can Create: Drawing People and Places					What do all living things have in common?										
	Art	Drawing															
22	Geography	Human and physical features CUSP Money Matters Festival – Tuesday 23rd September								Where do plants and animals live?							
	DT	Textiles Block A															
29	History	Events beyond living memory - Great Fire of London											What plants and animals live in our local environment?				
	DT	Textiles															
Oct 6	Computing	Everyone Can Create: Drawing People and Places														What are food chains? How are they connected?	
	DT	Textiles															
13	Geography	Human and physical features		Why do plants and animals need each other?													
	Art	Painting Block B															
Oct 20 Oct 27	Half term																
Nov 3	History	Events beyond living memory - Great Fire of London					REMEMBER: what is an animal?										
	Art	Painting															
10	Computing	Everyone Can Code Early Learners: Variables and App Design								How do animals change as they mature?							
	Art	Painting															
17	Geography	Compare a small part of the UK to a non-European location											How do we change as we mature?				
	DT	Food and Nutrition Block B															
24	History	Events beyond living memory - Great Fire of London CUSP Spoken Language Festival – Tuesday 25th November														What do all animals need to stay alive?	
	DT	Food and Nutrition															
Dec 1	Computing	Everyone Can Code Early Learners: Variables and App Design		Keeping healthy: why do we exercise?													
	DT	Food and Nutrition															
8	Geog	Optional sessions in the learning sequence where you can adapt and add what you want to teach, given the understanding and provision of the children.					Keeping healthy: why do we eat different types of food?										
	History																
15	Use these flexible blocks to enrich the curriculum. The time can be allocated to any term you choose, for example you could use it to support local mapwork, science fieldwork or museum visits. Term ends possibly Friday 19th December 2025																

Spring Term Suggested Sequence

MA KS1 Cycle 1 Spring 2026		Science
Geography	Compare a small part of the UK to a non-European location	STRONG START

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Jan 5	DT	Mechansims Block C			
12	History	Significant historical events, people, places in our locality		What are materials used for? Categorise and compare wood, metal, plastic and glass.	
	DT	Mechansims			
19	Computing	Online Safety: Smartie the Penguin		What are materials used for? Categorise and compare ceramics, rock, paper and card, and fabric.	
	DT	Mechansims			
26	Geography	Compare a small part of the UK to a non-European location CUSP Art Festival		What happens when we squash, bend, twist or stretch a material?	
	Art	Creative Response Block 2026			
Feb 2	History	Significant historical events, people, places in our locality.		What's the right material for the job?	
	Art	Creative Response			
9	Computing	Online Safety: Smartie the Penguin		What's the best absorbent material?	
	Art	Creative Response			
16	Half term				
23	Geography	Compare a small part of the UK to a non-European location		Who invented waterproofing?	
	Art	Printmaking Block C			
Mar 2	History	Significant historical events, people, places in our locality		What is it made from?	
	Art	Printmaking			
9	Computing	Scratch: Musical Actions and Sequences		Compare: what is alive, what is not alive and what has never been alive?	
	Art	Printmaking			
16	Geography	Fieldwork and map skills		What materials do our pets have or need? Why is that?	
	DT	Materials Block D			
23	History	Significant historical events, people, places in our locality			
	DT	Materials			
30	Computing	Scratch: Musical Actions and Sequences		STRONG START	Plants
	DT	Materials			
Easter – Friday 3rd April- Friday 17th April					

Summer Term Suggested Sequence

YEAR 2 Summer 2026			Science		
20	Geography	Fieldwork and map skills		How do seeds germinate and what happens?	Plants
	Art	Textiles and collage Block D			

27	History	Significant historical events, people, places in our locality		What happens when bulbs sprout?			
	Art	Textiles and collage					
May 4	Computing	Technology All Around Us		What do plants need to thrive and be healthy?			
	Art	Textiles and collage					
11	Geography	Fieldwork and map skills		What can happen if plants don't get the things they need?			
	DT	Food and Nutrition Block E					
18	History	Significant historical events, people, places in our locality		What do I notice about plants around the school? How are they healthy? How are they unhealthy?			
	DT	Food and Nutrition					
25	Half Term						
Jun 1	Computing	Technology All Around Us				Show what you know How do seeds and bulbs grow? What do plants need to be healthy?	
	DT	Food and Nutrition					
8	Geography	Compare a different non-European location to ours – Amazon rainforest					
	Art	3D Block E					
15	History	Revisit – Events beyond living memory CUSP Food Festival					
	Art	3D					
22	Computing	Everyone Can Create: Photo Collages	How do seeds and bulbs grow?				
	Art	3D					
29	Geography	Compare a different non-European location to ours – Amazon rainforest	What do I know about animals, including humans?				
	DT	Structures					
Jul 6	History	Revisit – Events beyond living memory	What do plants need to thrive and be healthy?				
	DT	Structures					
13	Computing	Everyone Can Create: Photo Collages					
	DT	Structures					

Revisit Living things and their habitats / Animals, including humans