

Yearly plan – Year 2 2025/26

	Topic Title	Memorable experience	English	Science	History	Geography	Computing	Art and Design	DT	PE	RE	PSHE	Music
Autumn 1	Towers, Turrets and Tunnels	Visit to Wayte-more Castle	Narrative / Fairy tales Recount Shape Poetry similes	Living things and their habitats	Castles Learning about past and present through looking at castles over time. Historical places in their own locality.	Locational Knowledge Countries and capital cities of the UK. UK's surrounding seas. Use maps and atlases.	Information Technology Around Us Identifying IT and how its responsible use improves our world in school and beyond	Drawing Drawing dark and light lines, patterns and shapes showing different tones. Portrait from direct observation. ARTIST Picasso		Indoor teamwork Outdoor Locomotion - dodging	Judaism Why do Jewish families talk about repentance at New Year	Being Me in My World (including rights and responsibilities)	Hands, Feet, Heart Listen and appraise – begin to recognise styles, find the pulse, recognise instruments, listen, and discuss other dimensions of South African music
Autumn 2	Land Ahoy	Pirate day	Narrative / Adventure stories Instructions	Uses of everyday materials	Pirates Recount key events from the past – Christopher Columbus. Understand why people and events being studied are important.	Locational Knowledge Seven continents and five oceans. Use world maps, atlases and globes	Digital Music Using a computer as a tool to explore rhythms and melodies, before creating a musical composition.		Construction Designing and building light houses using tape for joining technique.	Indoor dance Outdoor Ball skills - feet	Christianity Why was Jesus given the name 'saviour'?	Celebrating Difference (including anti-bullying)	Christmas songs for carol services Performance skills
Spring 1	Street Detectives	Walk to Old Northgate School	Stories with recurring literacy and language Recount / diary writing	Uses of everyday materials		Local area geography Basic human and physical features of Bishops Stortford. Follow/ devise a simple map with key. Use simple compass directions.	Robot Algorithms Creating and debugging programs, and using logical reasoning to make predictions.		Mechanisms Designing and making vehicles. Exploring how pegs, wheels and axles can be used for a chassis.	Indoor Gymnastics Outdoor Ball skills - hands	Islam How do some Muslims show Allah is compassionate and merciful?	Dreams and Goals	I wanna play in a band Play and sing in a rock song style. Children will listen and approve classic rock songs.
Spring 2	Street detective s/Bounce	Creative writing unit hook and publishing party	Character descriptions Information text Poetry alliteration	Living things and their habitats	Victorian schools Significant places. Changes beyond living memory – The Old Northgate School Sport History History of football. Study of significant national individuals (Jesse Owens).		Pictograms Collecting data in tally charts and using attributes to organise and present data on a computer.	Sculpture Working with clay. Printing Introduction to press printing / printing inks (animals that bounce)		Indoor Dance Outdoor Locomotion - jumping	Christianity What are the best symbols of Jesus' death & resurrection at Easter?	Healthy Me (including emotional and mental health)	Zoo time Focus is on pulse, rhythm and pitch. Singing and playing instruments are all linked. Reggae style.
Summer 1	Fire fire	butterflies hatching	Settings descriptions Recount / diary writing / postcards	Animals including humans	The Plague/ Great Fire of London Significant events beyond living memory.		Digital Photography Capturing and changing digital photographs for different purposes		Textiles Designing and making hand puppets. Understanding how to stitch. Key Designer (Textiles Michael Curry)	Outdoor Fundamentals – Throwing and catching Outdoor Game for understanding (attacking and defending)	Christianity Why do Christians trust Jesus and follow him?	Relationships (including online safety)	Rehearse and prepare for the Music festival at South Mill Arts Centre– more information to follow in Summer 1.
Summer 2	Scented Garden	Growing seeds Trip to Hertfordshire Zoo.	Narrative / Traditional tales Explanation text Poetry Rhyme and verse	Plants		Place Knowledge Compare human and physical geography of St Lucia with BS.	Programming Quizzes Designing algorithms and programs that use events to trigger sequences of code to make an interactive quiz..	Painting (Poster paints) Colour mixing- exploring shades, tints and tones. Painting of flowers using mainly one chosen colour. ARTIST Van Gogh		Outdoor Fundamentals – Running Outdoor Racket Bat and ball	Judaism Why is the Torah such a joy for the Jewish community?	Changing Me	Reflect, rewind and replay Consolidate your learning and perform. Play with instruments.