



YEAR 2 – Curriculum Overview 2026 - 2027

Further information about the curriculum content for the year can be found on our school website: [Chestnut Lane School's Whole School Curriculum Content](#)

Term	Autumn 1 3 rd Sept – 23 rd Oct	Autumn 2 2 nd Nov - 18 th Dec	Spring 1 5 th Jan - 12 th Feb	Spring 2 22 nd Feb – 25 th Mar	Summer 1 13 th April- 28 th May	Summer 2 8 th June- 21 st July
Whole School Topic	The way I feel 3 weeks Marvellous Me 4 weeks	Hocus Pocus 7 weeks	Show Time! 6 weeks	Changing Planet 5 weeks – Less one day	Toytastic 7 weeks	Quick Cats 7 weeks
Characteristics of Effective Learning	Focus Ownership	Resilience Enthusiasm	Curiosity Trial and error	Connections	Reflect and Justify	Risk taking Own goals
English Writing Workshops linked to Core Books Fiction Non-Fiction Poetry	The Tear Thief (Wellbeing link - building vocabulary to explore emotions) The Proudest Blue	Look Up! (Biographies) George's marvellous medicine (recipes) Michael Rosen's Book of Very Silly Poems	Paddington (descriptive narrative, focused on characters) Can you get Rainbows in Space? (fact files) My Beautiful Voice (resilience)	The Tin Forest (descriptive narrative, focused on settings) Lots (Fact Files - Geography link) A Planet full of Plastic (writing to inform, educate and persuade)	The True stories of the Three Little Pigs/ Little Red Riding Hood (Traditional Tales with a twist) Mr Shaha's Recipes of Wonder/ Marvellous Machines (Science link) Traction Man (Comics)	Whipsnade recount Poems aloud by Joseph Coelho The Dragonsitter (emails)
Phonics & Reading	See our parent guide explaining the Chestnut Lane Phonics programme and our school flyer for a summary of our approach to Reading in Year 2					
Maths Number & place value Number facts Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division Other	Numbers 10 -100 Calculations within 20	Fluently add and subtract within 10 Addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers Introduction to multiplication	Introduction to multiplication (cont.) Introduction to division structures	Shape Addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers	Money Fractions Time Position and direction	Multiplication and division: doubling, halving, quotative & partitive division Sense of measure: capacity, volume, mass
Mastering Number Programme	Composition Comparison	Composition Counting, ordinality & cardinality	Composition	Number facts & arithmetic	Composition Counting, ordinality & cardinality Number facts & arithmetic	Comparison Number facts & arithmetic
Science	Humans Needs for survival Life cycles Healthy Lifestyle Our bodies	Working Scientifically Investigations to further develop scientific enquiry skills	Living things and their habitats Living, dead, never alive Compare habitats - suitability	Plants Life cycles Observations Investigations	Everyday materials Identify and compare Suitability for purpose Changing shape Scientists/inventors	Animals Needs for survival Life cycles Food Chains
	Working Scientifically throughout the year: questioning, observing, simple tests, making links, scientific ideas, data collection & analysis					
Computing	Statistics: data handling (Maths link)	Photography (iPads) Art DT link	Animations	Research skills Presentations	Programming floor devices (Bee-Bots)	Music Technology
	. Ongoing throughout the year: eSafety, key device skills via range of technology (logging on, use of keyboard, track pad etc.)					

Geography	Locational Knowledge Continents and Oceans Place Knowledge Compare UK & non-European country			Human and Physical Geography Hot and Cold areas Equator and Poles Opposite climates Geographical vocab		Geographical Skills and Fieldwork Maps & aerial photos, landmarks and keys, compass directions, directional language
History		Significant Individuals Queen Victoria and Prince Albert Leonardo da Vinci: inventions, illusions	Significant Individuals William Shakespeare (English link) Aphra Behn (English link)		Events Beyond Living Memory: Victorian inventions timeline Changes within Living Memory The history of Victorian toys (link to Victorian inventions)	
Art and Design Technology Art x 3 DT x 3 Key Artists	Collage and printmaking collagraph- Pop Art Ben Day dots Pauline Boty David Hockney Roy Lichtenstein	Sewing and textiles- Op art inspired felt making used for sewing Christmas decorations Bridget Riley Jean-Pierre Yvaral Jesus Rafael Soto	Kinetic Art Sculpture surrealism inspired Modelling with wire Malleable materials Alexander Caulder Joan Miró	Painting- Post Impressionist movement and expressionism Painting and drawing from life flowers/fruit to include <i>drawing element</i> Vincent Van Gogh	Woodworking group build (marble drop/pinball game) cup and ball toy to include <i>drawing element</i> Da Vinci	Drawing, painting and Gallery Curation Create a range of artworks based around key texts.
RE	Who I am	Sacred Books (Link – Nativity)	Important Places	The Natural World	Sacred Books	Important Places
PSHE & RHE	Respectful Relationships	Staying Safe	Staying Safe	Staying Healthy	Growing up and Medicines	Economic Wellbeing and Aspirations
Music	Music sessions with specialist teacher (Miss Flitney) covering the four key musical areas – composing, listening, performing and musicianship.					
PE	Dance with specialist teacher (Mrs Douglass)					
	Multi sports with specialist coaches (First Touch Football)	Ball Skills and Application	Gym – Jumping and Landing	Multi sports with specialist coaches (First Touch Football)	Team Games	Gym – Balance, Agility, Co-ordination
Special Days Judaism Sikhism Hinduism Christianity Islam Buddhism	<i>Yom Kippur: 20th-21st September</i> <i>Sukkot: 25th Sept -2nd October</i> <i>Harvest: 5th Oct</i> <i>Recycling, Fairtrade and Zero Emissions Week: 21st – 25th September</i> <i>National Poetry Day: 1st October</i> <i>‘Make a Mark’ - The Big Draw Festival: 5th – 9th October</i>	<i>Diwali: 8th November</i> <i>Guru Nanak’s Birthday: 24th November</i> <i>Hanukkah: 4th – 12th December</i> <i>Christmas: 25th December</i> <i>Remembrance Day: 11th Nov</i> <i>Friendship Week: 16th – 20th Nov</i> <i>Road Safety Week: 16th – 20th Nov</i>	<i>Tu Bishavat: 22nd – 23rd Jan</i> <i>Chinese New Year: 6th Feb</i> <i>World Religion Day: 17th Jan</i> <i>Energy Saving Week: 18th – 22nd January</i> <i>Children’s Mental Health Week: 1st – 7th Feb</i> <i>Safer Internet Day: 9th Feb</i> <i>International Mother Language Day: 21st Feb</i>	<i>Ramadan 7th Feb -8th Mar (tbc)</i> <i>Eid al-Fitr: 9th / 10th Mar (tbc)</i> <i>Mother’s Day: 7th March</i> <i>Holi: 22nd March</i> <i>Easter Sunday: 28th March</i> <i>World Book Day: 4th March</i> <i>Science Week: 5th – 14th March</i>	<i>Eid al-Adha: 16th / 17th May (tbc)</i> <i>Buddha’s Birthday: 13th May</i> <i>World Art Day: 20th April</i> <i>Outdoor Classroom Day: 20th May</i> <i>No Pens Day: 19th May</i> <i>National Numeracy Day: 19th May</i>	<i>Father’s Day: 20th June</i> <i>Tanabata: 7th July</i> <i>World Music Day: 21st June</i>
Trips / Events/ Workshops	Whole school Harvest event	Amersham Free Church (Advent)	Shakespeare workshop	Book and Science week school events	Victorian Workshop	Whipsnade Zoo