

YEAR 2 - Curriculum Overview 2025 - 2026

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 4th Sept - 23rd Oct	Autumn 2 3 rd Nov - 19 th Dec	Spring 1 7 th Jan - 13 th Feb	Spring 2 23 rd Feb - 27 th Mar	Summer 1 13 th April- 22 nd May	Summer 2 2 nd June- 22 nd July	
Whole School Topic	Over the Rainbow 3 weeks Treasure Hunters 4 weeks	Farm to Fork 6 weeks	To infinity and beyond 5 weeks 3 days	Lights, Camera, Action 5 weeks	Blue Planet 6 weeks	Jet SetGo! 8 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	The Tear Thief (Wellbeing link - building vocabulary to explore emotions) The Proudest Blue	George's marvellous medicine (recipes) Poems aloud by Joseph Coelho (Radio Christmas)	Mr Shaha's Recipes of Wonder/ Marvellous Machines (Science link) Look Up! (Biographies)	Traction Man (Comics) The True stories of the Three Little Pigs/ Little Red Riding	The Tin Forest (descriptive narrative, focused on settings) A Planet full of Plastic	Paddington (descriptive narrative, focused on characters) Michael Rosen's Book	
Fiction Non-Fiction Poetry	Lots (Fact Files - Geography link)	My Beautiful Voice (CoEL link – resilience)	Can you get Rainbows in Space? (Fact files)	Hood (Traditional Tales with a twist)	(writing to inform, educate and persuade)	of Very Silly Poems The Dragonsitter (emails to recount/narrate)	
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	Everyday materials Identify and compare Suitability for purpose Changing shape Scientists/ inventors	Living things and their habitats Living, dead, never alive Compare habitats - suitability	Working Scientifically Investigations to further develop scientific enquiry skills	Plants Life cycles Observations (stages of growth) Investigations (conditions for healthy growth)	Animals Needs for survival Life cycles Food Chains	Humans Needs for survival Life cycles Healthy Lifestyle (exercise, food, hygiene) Our bodies (PSHE)	
	Working Scientifically throughout the year: questioning, observing, simple tests, making links, scientific ideas, data collection & analysis						

Computing	Programming floor devices (Bee-Bots)	Statistics: data handling (Maths link)	Research skills Presentations (Google slides)	Photography (iPads)	Animations (Scratch, Debugging)	Music Technology		
	. Ongoing throughout the year : eSafety, key device skills via range of technology (logging on, use of keyboard, track pad etc.)							
Geography		Human and Physical Geography Hot and Cold areas Equator and Poles Opposite climates Geographical vocab			Locational Knowledge Continents and Oceans Place Knowledge Compare UK & non- European country	Geographical Skills and Fieldwork Maps & aerial photos, landmarks and keys, compass directions, directional language		
History	Significant Individuals Queen Victoria and Prince Albert Robert Thompson & John Boyd Dunlop		Significant Individuals Katherine Johnson (Maths & Science link) Vincent Van Gogh, starry night (Art link)	Events Beyond Living Memory: Victorian inventions timeline Changes within Living Memory The history of film and photography (link to Victorian inventions)				
Art and Design Technology	Bridget Riley Optical Illusions	Soup making (George's Marvellous Medicine)	Artist: Van Gogh	Woodwork – photo frames	Henri Rousseau – jungle paintings	Peruvian Pottery		
	(printing)	Sewing Christmas decorations	Surrealism	woodwork – photo frames	Sketching (skulls) Georgia O'Keeffe	Cooking inspired by Michael Rosen's poetry		
RE	Who I am	Sacred Books (Link – Nativity)	Sacred Books	Important Places	Important Places	The Natural World		
PSHE & RHE	School Rules, Class Charter, Rights & Responsibilities Health Mental wellbeing (ZofR)	Relationships Respectful Relationships (Boundaries)	Relationships Caring friendships	Health Physical Health and Fitness	Relationships Families and people who care for me	Health & Being Safe Medication/household products Sleep Basic First Aid		
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	Yom Kippur: 1 st – 2 nd October Harvest: 28 th Sept – 5 th Oct Sukkot: 6 th -13 th October Diwali: 20 th October	Guru Nanak's Birthday: 5 th November Hanukkah: 14 th – 22 nd December Christmas: 25 th December Remembrance Day: 11 th Nov Friendship Week: 10 th – 14 th Nov No Pens Day: 25 th Nov	Tu Bishavat: 1st - 2nd Feb Chinese New Year: 17th Feb World Religion Day: 18th Jan Children's Mental Health Week: 9th - 15th Feb Safer Internet Day: 10th Feb International Mother Language Day: 21st Feb	Ramadan: 17th Feb - 18th Mar Holi: 4th March Mother's Day: 15th March Eid-al-Fitr: 19th March Easter Sunday: 5th April World Book Day: 5th March Science Week: 6th – 15th March	Buddha's Birthday: 24 th May Earth Day: 22 nd April National Numeracy Day: 20th May	Father's Day: 21 st June Tanabata: 7 th July World Music Day: 21st June		
Trips / Workshops	Perform workshop: Castles, Knights and Princesses	Amersham Free Church (Advent)	Space dome	Visits from people working in the film industry.	Whipsnade Zoo Animal skulls from Natural History Museum in Tring	Local walks (Geography fieldwork)		