



YEAR 1 – 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 4 th Sept - 23 rd 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 Set...Go! 8 weeks
Characteristics of Effective Learning	Focus Ownership	Curiosity Trial and error	Resilience Enthusiasm	Connections	Reflect and Justify	Risk taking Own goals
English Writing Workshops linked to Core Books Fiction Non Fiction Poetry	The Street Beneath My Feet (labels) In Every House on Every Street (Geography link) On the Way Home (sequencing and recount)	The Why Files: Baking (facts) Pumpkin Soup (sequencing and story maps) Nadiya's Bake Me a Story (instructions and recipes) Poems to Perform	The Sky Above my Eyes (labels and captions) Ada Twist, Scientist & The Why Files: Flight (fact writing)	The Elves and The Shoemaker (character descriptions and story sequencing) Hansel and Gretel (character descriptions and story sequencing) Stop! That's Not My Story (story writing) ABC Factor & Dictionaries (alphabetical order)	The Snail and The Whale (diary entries/ letter writing) The Sea Below my Toes (message in a bottle)	Ravi's Roar (transition letter writing) Where The Wild Things Are (character descriptions) The Why Files: Plants (fact writing) Out and About Poems
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 1					
Maths Number & place value Number facts Addition & Subtraction Shape, Space and Measure	Revisit previous Reception experience & counting within 100	Comparison of quantities and part-whole relationships Numbers 0 - 5	Recognise, compose, decompose and manipulate 2D and 3D shapes Numbers 0 – 10	Additive structures Addition and subtraction facts within 10	Numbers 0 – 20	Unitising and coin recognition Position and direction Time
Mastering Number Programme	Composition Comparison Counting, ordinality & cardinality	Composition Counting, ordinality & cardinality	Composition	Composition Number facts & arithmetic	Composition Counting, ordinality & cardinality Number facts & arithmetic	Comparison Number facts & arithmetic
Science	Senses	Seasonal Changes	Materials	Experiments	Animals (including humans)	Plants & Seasonal Changes
	Working Scientifically throughout the year: questioning, observing, simple tests, making links, scientific ideas, data collection & analysis					

Computing	Logging-in/computer skills Purple Mash (Art)	Purple Mash Data Handling	Algorithms BeeBots	Uses of Technology (linked to History) Animations	Algorithms BeeBots	Google Classroom – (Google Docs & Google Slides)
	. Ongoing throughout the year: eSafety, key device skills via range of technology (logging on, use of keyboard, track pad etc.)					
Geography	Map skills (simple maps with key) Physical and Human Features	Seasonal and Daily Weather Patterns in the UK (combined with Science)		Countries and Capital Cities in the UK		Landmarks Physical and Human Features
History		History of Amersham Local places and events	Astronauts Wright Brothers	History of Technology	Comparing seaside holidays past to present	
Art and Design Technology	Colour Mixing/Mark making Jackson Pollock Kandinsky Regal Portraits/ History of Portraits	Clay Christmas decorations Cooking related to <i>Nadiya's Bake Me a Story</i>	Space art Peter Thorpe Painting	Woodworking Building and Designing Sets	Seascapes – pastels, watercolour, mixed media JMW Turner	Sewing Flags
RE	Special Occasions	Festivals and special dates	Belonging	Festivals and special dates	Special Things	Special People
PSHE & RHE	Mental Wellbeing	Physical Health and Fitness Healthy Eating	Respectful Relationships	Caring Friendships	Families and People Who Care	Health and Prevention 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)					
	Throwing and Catching	Multi sports with specialist coaches (First Touch Football)	Applying skills into a range of activities	Gym	Multi sports with specialist coaches (First Touch Football)	Team Games
Special Days Judaism Sikhism Hinduism Christianity Islam Buddhism	<i>Yom Kippur: 1st – 2nd October</i> <i>Harvest: 28th Sept – 5th Oct</i> <i>Sukkot: 6th -13th October</i> <i>Diwali: 20th October</i>	<i>Guru Nanak's Birthday: 5th November</i> <i>Hanukkah: 14th – 22nd December</i> <i>Christmas: 25th December</i> <i>Remembrance Day: 11th Nov</i> <i>Friendship Week: 10th – 14th Nov</i> <i>No Pens Day: 25th Nov</i>	<i>Tu Bishavat: 1st – 2nd Feb</i> <i>Chinese New Year: 17th Feb</i> <i>World Religion Day: 18th Jan</i> <i>Children's Mental Health Week: 9th – 15th Feb</i> <i>Safer Internet Day: 10th Feb</i> <i>International Mother Language Day: 21st Feb</i>	<i>Ramadan: 17th Feb - 18th Mar</i> <i>Holi: 4th March</i> <i>Mother's Day: 15th March</i> <i>Eid-al-Fitr: 19th March</i> <i>Easter Sunday: 5th April</i> <i>World Book Day: 5th March</i> <i>Science Week: 6th – 15th March</i>	<i>Buddha's Birthday: 24th May</i> <i>Earth Day: 22nd April</i> <i>National Numeracy Day: 20th May</i>	<i>Father's Day: 21st June</i> <i>Tanabata: 7th July</i> <i>World Music Day: 21st June</i>
Trips / Workshops	Castles, Knights and Princesses Workshop	Jack and The Beanstalk Pantomime at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre	Amersham Museum Local Walk		Seaside Workshop	