



YEAR 1 – 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	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)	Pumpkin Soup (sequencing and story maps) Nadiya's Bake Me a Story (instructions and recipes) The Sky Above my Eyes (labels and captions)	Poems to Perform Ada Twist, Scientist & The Why Files: Flight (fact writing) On the Way Home (sequencing and recount)	The Snail and The Whale (diary entries/ letter writing) The Sea Below my Toes (message in a bottle) The Why Files: Plants (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)	Ravi's Roar (transition letter writing) Where The Wild Things Are (character descriptions) Out and About Poems The Why Files: Baking (facts)
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	Seasonal Changes	Experiments	Senses	Plants & Seasonal Changes	Materials	Animals (including humans)
	Working Scientifically throughout the year: questioning, observing, simple tests, making links, scientific ideas, data collection & analysis					
Computing	Logging-in/computer skills Purple Mash (Art)	Algorithms BeeBots	Animations	Purple Mash Data Handling	Algorithms BeeBots	Google Classroom
	Ongoing throughout the year: eSafety, key device skills via range of technology (logging on, use of keyboard, track pad etc.)					

Geography	Seasonal and Daily Weather Patterns in the UK (combined with Science)	Map skills (simple maps with key) Physical and Human Features		Countries and Capital Cities in the UK		Landmarks Physical and Human Features
History	History of Amersham Local places and events		The Circus Through Time	Mary Anning	History of Toys Past and Present	
Art and Design Technology Art x 3 DT x 3 Key Artists	Printmaking Pop Art Warhol Portraits to include <i>drawing elements</i> CMYK colour mixing focus Andy Warhol Yayoi Kusama Jackson Pollock	Clay and Malleable Materials Clay Christmas Decorations Barbara Hepworth Saloua Raouda	Woodworking Moving pictures with levers and sliders to include <i>drawing elements</i> David Hockney 'Moving focus' Henri Matisse	Painting – Water inspired paintings pastels, watercolour, mixed media Georges Seurat Claude Monet Katsushika Hokusai Henri Rousseau	Sewing - Puppets to include <i>drawing element</i> Paul Klee Sophie Taeuber-Arp Ai Weiwei	Sculptures- Malleable Materials Animal sculpture Modroc or paper mulch to include <i>drawing element</i>
RE	Special Occasions	Festivals and special dates	Belonging	Festivals and special dates	Special Things	Special People
PSHE & RHE	Our Wellbeing	Our Wellbeing	Showing Respect	Being Healthy	People Who Care For Me	Being Safe
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: 20th-21st September</i> <i>Sukkot: 25th Sept -2nd October</i> <i>Harvest: 5th Oct</i> Recycling, Fairtrade and Zero Emissions Week: 21st – 25th September National Poetry Day: 1st October 'Make a Mark' - The Big Draw Festival: 5th – 9th October	<i>Diwali: 8th November</i> <i>Guru Nanak's Birthday: 24th November</i> <i>Hanukkah: 4th – 12th December</i> <i>Christmas: 25th December</i> Remembrance Day: 11th Nov Friendship Week: 16th – 20th Nov Road Safety Week: 16th – 20th Nov	<i>Tu Bishavat: 22nd – 23rd Jan</i> <i>Chinese New Year: 6th Feb</i> World Religion Day: 17th Jan Energy Saving Week: 18th – 22nd January Children's Mental Health Week: 1st – 7th Feb Safer Internet Day: 9th Feb International Mother Language Day: 21st Feb	<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> World Book Day: 4th March Science Week: 5th – 14th March	<i>Eid al-Adha: 16th / 17th May (tbc)</i> <i>Buddha's Birthday: 13th May</i> World Art Day: 20th April Outdoor Classroom Day: 20th May No Pens Day: 19th May National Numeracy Day: 19th May	<i>Father's Day: 20th June</i> <i>Tanabata: 7th July</i> World Music Day: 21st June
Trips / Events/ Workshops	Whole school Harvest event	Local Walk	Circus Workshop	Book Week and Science Week events	Tring Museum	End of Year events