Cycle B - Curriculum overview for Year 1 and Year 2 2026-2027

	Autumn term (3 days and 7 weeks)	Autumn term (7 weeks)	Spring term (6 weeks)	Spring term (5 weeks)	Summer term (5 weeks)	Summer term (7 weeks)
Theme	Where the Wild Things Are!	India	Exciting explorers! Space	Julia Donaldson (Author)	Trains, planes and automobiles	Paws, claws and whiskers - 'animals'
Cross curricular English **Genre** **Books used**	**Non-fiction:** **Recount** My tale of the holidays **Fiction:** **Fantasy settings** Character descriptions and vocabulary gathering • Where the Wild Things Are! **Poetry:** **Introduction to poetry and anthologies** • Poems Aloud! • A first book of nature • Where my wellies take me	**Fiction:** **Stories from a range of Cultures & Alternative stories** Setting descriptions and short story • Tiger Child • Mr Tiger Goes Wild!	**Non-fiction:** **Information texts & fact files** Sentence structures for non-fiction • Meet the planets • Field Trip to the Moon	**Fiction:** **Different Stories by the Same Author** Biography writing Setting description and simple story plots **Non-fiction:** **Instructions** How to brew a Potion! • Range of Julia Donaldson books focusing on Room on the Broom	**Non-fiction:** **Chronological Reports** Sentence structures used for giving information • William Bee's Wonderful World of Trains, Boats and Planes • William Bee's Wonderful World of Tractors and Farm Machines **Non-fiction:** **Recount** Visit to the NRM York **Poetry:** **Pattern and rhyme** Train poetry	**Non-fiction:** **letters/post cards** Letter writing Formal and informal language Meerkat Mail **Non-fiction:** **Instructions & Explanation texts** How to care for an animal. Animalium: Welcome to the Museum

Maths Year 2	**Number and place value:** Number 10 to 100 **Addition and subtraction:** Calculations within 20 **Number facts:** Fluently add and subtract within 10 **Addition and subtraction:** of two-digit numbers (1) **Multiplication and division:** introduction to multiplication		**Multiplication and division:** introduction to multiplication **Multiplication and division:** introduction to division structures **Geometry:** Shape **Addition and subtraction:** of two-digit numbers (2)		Money Fractions Time Position and direction Multiplication and division – doubling, halving, quotative and partitive division Sense of measure – capacity, volume, mass	
Maths Year 1	Pupils build on previous Reception experiences Pupils count within 100 in different ways 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	
Science	Biology – Plants	Biology – Habitats	Biology – Animals and Humans	Biology – Living Things	Chemistry – Materials	Physics – Forces
Computing (E-safety continual)	**Information Technology:** inserting text boxes, text and pictures for characters to link with Where the Wild Things Are (speech bubbles for Max's thoughts) Paint Spa: Poetry - a monster to link with WTWTA	**Digital Literacy**: Asking for help and talking to an adult - BBC E-safety **Paint Spa:** • Artist - Study Kandinsky and Pollock • Fireworks	**Computer Science**: • Uses of technology in the world • Unplugged coding –LEGO maze directions and dance coding	**Digital Literacy**: Importance of a password – Hector's World **Information Technology:** Microsoft Word – book review of a Julia Donaldson book (copy/paste/retrieve and save)	**Information Technology:** Using the internet to obtain info – Research skills **Digital Literacy**: Reliability of websites - Detective Digiduck **Digimaps**: Using software	**Computer Science**: Code Studio Course 1 and 2 - algorithms and loops; **Information Technology:** Word processing putting all skills into practice – our day at the wildlife park
History	Florence Nightingale	Guy Fawkes The Gunpowder Plot/Local History	Christopher Columbus	Neil Armstrong	Rosa Parks	Great Fire of London

Geography	Describing maps of the world	Continents and oceans	The United Kingdom countries and capitals - focus London / York	Exploring weather and climate Including fieldwork	Australia Comparing York to an area of Australia - Sydney, Aboriginal People	Australia Animals, Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Rainforest
Religious Education	Who made the world?	Nativity	Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?	Why does Easter matter to Christians?	Who is Jewish and what do they believe?	What makes some places sacred?
Design Technology (Follow individual year group skills)	Structures	Textiles	Cooking and nutrition			Mechanisms
Art (Follow individual year group skills)	**Drawing** (Explore line, shape and colour)	**Painting** (Experimenting with different colours and creating techniques)	**Printing** (Yr1 basic block printing/Yr2 mono detailed printing) Rangoli patterns & Indian block printing	**Sculpture** (Making small relief tiles of animal footprints using clay)	**Collage and Textiles** (Variety of media – paper, plastic, fabric to create texture)	Work of other Artists – to develop Art History **Year 1:** Sir Frank Bowling Contemporary artist Period in time (1950 onwards) **Year 2:** Pablo Picasso Modern artist Period in time (1900-1970)
Music	Exploring simple patterns	Christmas production singing/dance	Exploring feelings through music	Inventing a musical story	Music that makes you dance	Exploring improvising
Physical Education (Year 2 units)	Hit, catch & run (Unit 1) …… Attack, defend & shoot (Unit 1)	Dance: Nativity ……	Gym (Unit 1) …… Dance (Unit 2)	Gym: Apparatus …… Attack, defend & shoot (Unit 2)	Send & return (Unit 1) …… Run, jump & throw (Unit 1)	Run, jump & throw (Unit 2) …… Hit, catch & run (Unit 2)

French Year 2 only	Introducing France	Numbers	Colours	Days of the week	Months of the year	Greetings
Jigsaw	Being me in my World	Celebrating difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
Possible Enrichment Activities		India - Indian food tasting	Space Day!	Illustration – working with an Author!	National Railway Museum (NRM) York	

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