



Year 3: Curriculum Overview (2026-2027)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	Transition (3 days week) 500 word story Poetry Day Journey story - focus on expanded noun phrases, adverbials and sequencing. Based on Leaf Man Short burst- personal chronological recount	Remembrance Day Black History Month Non-Chronological report - based on Dragonology. Instructional writing. Poetry performance- If I had wings. Vocabulary building focus.	Anglia Water Day Meeting Tale - character description. Poppy, Waldo and the Giant. . Poetry - focus on rhyme - The Bug Chant.	Persuasion - Going to a Witch School	Suspense story - based on the Iron Man Short burst - Traction Man (present perfect tense)	River Trip Short burst- instructional writing. A river's journey Poetry - Cinquains
Reading	Accelerated Reading Transition (1 week) Growth Mindset books	Variety of text types linked to H4L fluency Fiction: Journey tales (English link) Leaf Man Stick Man Non-Fiction: Exploring a variety of Stone Age texts (History link) Poetry: Boudicaa Queen (History Link)	Variety of texts linked to H4L fluency (based on NFER analysis) Fiction: Poppy, Waldo and the Giant (English Link) Akimbo and the Elephants (NFER Text review) Non-Fiction: Exploring a variety of Monarch texts (History link) Poetry: The magic box	Variety of texts linked to H4L fluency (based on NFER analysis) Fiction: Welcome to Spellbound school of wizardry (English Link) Milo the lost duckling (NFER style text) Non-Fiction: Riverside Community library (NFER style text) Poetry: The bug chant Walking with my iguana	Variety of texts linked to H4L fluency (based on NFER analysis) Fiction: BFG extracts Non-Fiction: How to build a pyramid (English link) Rocks (Science Link) Poetry: Gran, can you rap?	Variety of texts linked to H4L fluency (based on NFER analysis) Fiction: Iron Man (English Link) Beneath the bluebell woods (Suspense extract - English link) Non-Fiction: Diary of a plant (NFER style text) (Science link) Poetry: On the ring nang nong End of Year 3
Maths	Inspirational Maths (1 Week) Place Value: Number: Addition and Subtraction	Number: Addition and Subtraction Number: Multiplication and division	Number: Multiplication and Division Measurement: Length and perimeter	Measurement: Mass and Capacity	Fractions Measurement: Money Measurement: Time	Geometry: Properties of shape Statistics:
Science	Forces and Magnets Attract/Repel Magnetic A magnet attracts magnetic material. For some forces to act, there must be contact. Some forces can act at a distance e.g. magnetism.	Light Light travels in straight lines. Dark is the absence of light. Shadows are formed on a surface when an opaque or translucent object is between a light source and the surface and blocks some of the light.	Animals including humans Animals need to eat in order to get the nutrients they need. Food contains a range of different nutrients - carbohydrates, protein, vitamins, minerals, fats, sugars, water and fibre - that are needed by the body to stay healthy. Humans, and some other animals, have skeletons and muscles which help them move and provide protection and support.	British Science Week (Theme to be changed yearly)	Rocks Rock is a naturally occurring material. They have different properties and can be used for different purposes.	Plants Many plants have roots, stems/trunks, leaves and flowers/blossoms. Some plants produce flowers which enable the plant to reproduce. Different plants require different conditions for germination and growth.

History/ Geography	Stone Age to the Iron Age: Time periods Life in the StoneAge Settling/Farming Tools and Bronze Iron Hill Forts	South Wales: Locate and describe the South Wales region of the UK, by using maps and atlases. Understand the production and impact of coal and steel To understand national park (Pen y Fan) Map work around Cardiff Bay regeneration project	Monarchs: Monarchs King John Magna Carta Queen Ann Queen Victoria Comparing Monarch	The United Kingdom: Identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night).	Egyptians: Civilisation Time Period Achievements Society/Culture Rosetta Stone Farming Legacy	River Study: Local River Study Features of a River Field study
Computing	Computing Systems and networks		Programming A Sequence in Music		Programming B Events and Actions	
Religion and Worldviews	What makes us human?		Where do our morals come from? What happens if we do wrong?		Is scripture central to religion? Why is water symbolic? Why is fire used ceremonially?	
Spanish	Introductions (Greetings, introductions, some colours)	Colours, classroom commands, calendar and celebrations	Animals	Carnival, using numbers, dates	Fruits and Vegetables	Going on a picnic / Aliens in Spain / Language Puzzle
Art/DT	Gesture Drawing With Charcoal Drawing & Sketchbooks	Structures: Mechanical Systems: Pneumatics Design, make and evaluate a movable toy.	Cloth, Thread & Paint Painting, Drawing, Sewing, Sketchbooks	Mechanical Systems: Levers and Linkages Design, make and evaluate a moving book to tell the reader about something important.	Telling Stories Through Drawing & Making Drawing, sculpture, sketchbooks	Textiles: 2D shape to 3D product Design, make and evaluate a present for someone that contains something.
P.E.	Ball on the ground / Invasion games (Football and Hockey)	Ball on the ground / Invasion games (Football and Hockey)	Net and Wall Games Ball handling	Gym	Dance	Athletics OOA
Healthy Bodies/Healthy Minds PANTS Each Half Term	My healthy self: How can I take care of my mind and body?	Connecting with others: What helps us feel safe and included?	The online world: How should we communicate online?	Citizenship: What rights and responsibilities do we have?	Health protection: How can we prevent illness and injury and respond if they happen?	Citizenship: What careers do people choose and why?
Music	Playing, Composing & Improvise	Singing & Playing	Arrange & Produce, Improvise	Playing, Critical Engagement & Transcribe	Critical engagement & Composing	Playing, Composing
Enrichment	Transition Week Stone Age Castle Museum Mystery of History	Christmas Decorating Morning and Performance		World book day: quiz and author appearance.		River Tud Trip End of Term Trip