



# Awesome Earth

YEAR 3

Summer 2026

## FOCUS CURRICULUM PRINCIPLES –

Coherent learning links and pathways

Strong working partnerships

Valuing all children, learning is accessible to all

Opportunities for memorable experiences



## KEY AREA OF LEARNING - HISTORY

Geography (The Americas): Children will focus on North and South America, developing locational and place knowledge of major countries and cities. We will study physical geography, focusing on the wider world, including the distribution of natural resources and the impact of settlements and land use.

History: An introduction to Ancient Civilizations, providing a broad overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared in relation to our previous Stone Age and Greek studies.

### SCIENCE

Plants: We will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants (roots, stem/trunk, leaves, and flowers) and explore the requirements of plants for life and growth.

Magnets: Children will observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials but not others.

### ENGLISH

Narrative and Persuasion: Using the text *The Great Kapok Tree*, children will explore the layers of the rainforest and write persuasive letters to stop deforestation.

Explanation and Poetry: Inspired by *Pebble in My Pocket* and *Earth Verse*, children will write geological poetry. Using *Volcanoes* and *Escape from Pompeii*, they will write formal letters and detailed explanations of volcanic eruptions

### MATHS

Shape: Children will learn to identify horizontal and vertical lines and pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines.

Fractions: We will be exploring equivalent fractions, as well as adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator.

Time: Children will learn to tell and write the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman

### HOMEWORK

Children are expected to read daily and practise times tables regularly using *TT Rock Stars*. Weekly spellings will be set and tested. A project sheet linked to the *From Stones to Steel* topic will be sent home, and children will choose one

### COMPUTING

Desktop Publishing: Children will learn to use desktop publishing software to create documents that combine text and images for a specific audience.

Programming: Introduction to *Micro:bits*, where children will learn to write and test simple programs on physical devices.

### PSHE/SMSC

The focus this term will be on RSE (Relationships and Sex Education), helping children understand healthy relationships and physical changes

### FRENCH

Children will expand their vocabulary by learning words for "Our Classroom" and "School"

### PE

Athletics: Focusing on locomotion and stability, children will practice running, jumping, and throwing in preparation for Sports Day.

Cricket & Orienteering: Developing striking and fielding skills alongside outdoor adventurous games that

### TRIPS/VISIT

Local Study: A geography-focused field study of Freshwater Bay and Yarmouth to look at land use and physical features.

Special Events: Attendance at the County Show Education Day

### ART

We will explore the Impressionist style of Claude Monet, focusing on light and colour in painting.

We will also study Picasso to create layered collage work.

### DT

Children will research and design earthquake-proof structures, using various materials to test for stability and strength.

### MUSIC

We will explore pentatonic scales, encouraging children to improvise and compose simple melodies using this five-note structure.

### RE

We will explore Sacred Places, comparing places of worship across Christianity and Hinduism, followed by a study of Jewish traditions and belonging.