

New Cornerstones Curriculum

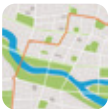
EYFS & KS1 available now! KS2 Term 1 projects will be released in the next few months, followed by KS2 Term 2 and 3 projects during the 2026/2027 academic year. Please note that unreleased projects are subject to change.

EYFS

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EYFS	Cycle A		Term 1		Term 2		Term 3		
		 Main	 Me and My Community Who are the people who help us?	 Once Upon a Time Can we tell a story?	 Starry Night What happens when we fall asleep?	 Dangerous Dinosaurs What made some dinosaurs dangerous?	 Sunshine and Sunflowers What lives and grows in our gardens?	 Big Wide World How are places different from where we live?	
		 Mini	 Exploring Autumn Why do leaves fall from the trees?	 Sparkle and Shine What do we celebrate in the winter?	 Winter Wonderland Where is it always cold?	 Puddles and Rainbows What happens when it rains?	 Shadows and Reflections What is a shadow?	 Splash! Why is water important?	
	Cycle B		Term 1		Term 2		Term 3		
		 Main	 Let's Explore Can we explore?	 Marvellous Machines How do machines help us?	 Long Ago How do things change?	 Ready Steady Grow What can we grow?	 Animal Safari How are animals different around the world?	 On the Beach What can we find at the beach?	
		 Mini	 Build It Up What can we build?	 Puppets and Pop Ups How do puppets talk?	 Stories and Rhymes How many nursery rhymes can we sing?	 Signs of Spring How do we know spring has arrived?	 Creep, Crawl and Wriggle Where do minibeasts live?	 Move It How can we keep our bodies healthy and strong?	 Moving On How do we get ready for something new?

Main projects are intended to be taught over a 4 week period and Mini projects over a 2 week period.

		Term 1		Term 2		Term 3	
Year 1	 Science	 Marvellous Materials What can we find out about the properties of different materials?	 Seeing, Smelling, Sensing What do our senses do, and why do we need them?	 Weather Quest How do weather and seasons affect people, plants and animals?	 Roots, Shoots and Fruits How do the parts of a plant help it to grow and survive?	 Fur, Feathers and Fins How are animals similar and different?	 Planet Protectors How can we help our school community recycle everyday materials?
	 History		 Helen Keller – A Life Without Limits Who was Helen Keller, and how did she inspire the world?		 The Great Fire of London Why was the Great Fire of London a significant event?		 Schools Then, Schools Now How were schools different in Victorian times from schools today?
	 Geography	 Local Explorers What human and physical features can we find in our local area?		 City Explorers What can we learn about places by studying their landmarks on maps and in images?		 Global Explorers What can we discover about continents, oceans and places around the world?	
	 Art		 Colour Creators Which colours can we make from the primary colours?		 Press, Print and Pattern How do different materials and surfaces affect the prints we can make?	 Bright and Busy Streets How do artists use colour and shape to create lively and imaginative cityscapes?	
	 Design and Technology	 Den Designers Why do we need shelters?		 On the Move How do wheels and axles help a vehicle move?			 Chop, Peel and Grate What ingredients make a sandwich healthy?

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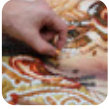
Year 2		Term 1		Term 2		Term 3	
	 Science	 Healthy Humans How do humans grow and stay healthy?	 Homes, Hides and Habitats How do living things survive in their habitats?	 Bend It, Stretch It, Shape It How do the properties of materials help us decide how to use them?	 Grow, Thrive and Survive Where do plants grow best, and why?	 Hide, Hunt and Survive What do animals need to survive?	 Mangrove Mission How can we protect the world's mangrove forests, and the plants and animals that live there?
	 History		 Flight Through Time How has flying changed over time and what impact has it had on people's everyday lives?		 Titanic Tragedy Why is the sinking of the Titanic still remembered today?		 Age of the Aztecs Who were the Aztecs, and why did their civilisation end?
	 Geography	 Map Masters How can we use maps to explore the world around us?		 Journey to the Coast Why do so many people visit coastal towns?		 Places, People and the Planet How are places around the world similar and different, and what affects how people live there?	
	 Art	 Colour Quest How can we mix colours to create different hues?			 Floral Forms How do artists use different materials and techniques to represent flowers?	 Creative Collections What can we learn from still life artists about arranging and painting objects?	
	 Design and Technology		 Marvellous Mechanisms How do different mechanisms help us create moving parts in a card?	 Seaside Structures How can we join and strengthen materials to make a strong structure?			 Stitch, Sew, Create! How can we use fabric, patterns and stitches to design and make a useful product?

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KS2

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		Term 1		Term 2		Term 3	
Year 3	 Science	 Sunlight and Shadows What is in the science of light and shadows?	 Eat Well, Move Well What do animals, including humans, need to be healthy?	 Force and Friction How do forces affect how objects move?	 Feel the Force! What are magnets and how do they behave?	 Power Plants: How Plants Live and Grow How do the parts of a plant help it live, grow and reproduce?	 Sustainable Earth How can we use rocks and soils responsibly?
	 History	 From Stone to Iron What was everyday life like in Pre-historic Britain?			 Building Britain the Roman Way What did the Romans do for Britain?	 Local History Study Why was (name of event) significant to our local area and did it change the way we live our lives today?	
	 Geography		 Land Use Detectives How is land used in the UK and our local environment?	 Europe Explorers What can maps tell us about Europe's countries, cities and climates?			 Planet Power What happens when the Earth's plates move?
	 Art	 Colour Masters What are contrasting colours and how can we use them in our art?			 Masters of Mosaic How did the Romans use colour and pattern to create mosaics?	 Plant Patterns How can we use nature to inspire our artwork?	
	 Design and Technology		 The Healthy Kitchen What makes a healthy, balanced meal?	 Move It, Make It! How do different cam shapes change movement?			 Build to Grow What features make a structure suitable for supporting plant growth?

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Year 4	 Science	 Eat, Chew, Digest What do our teeth and digestive organs do when we eat?	 The Science of Sound What do vibrations, pitch and volume tell us about how sound works?	 Kingdoms of Life What features help us identify and sort plants and animals?	 Mission Materials What makes a material a solid, liquid or gas?	 Power Up! What is electricity and how do we make it work?	 Oceans Alive How can we protect our oceans and seas and the plants and animals which live there?
	 History		 Invaders and Settlers: The Anglo Saxons Who were the Anglo-Saxons and why did they come to Britain?	 The Viking Age: Fear from the Sea Who were the Vikings and were they so terrible?			 Cradles of Civilisation What helped the world's first civilisations to grow and thrive?
	 Geography	 Adventures Across the Americas What can we discover about the Americas by exploring their climates and countries?			 Rivers: From Source to Sea What happens on a river's journey from source to sea?	 Mighty Mountains What is a mountain, and how does it shape the world around it?	
	 Art		 The Power of Colour How do warm and cool colours change the feeling of art?		 Animals in Art How do artists use different techniques to portray animals?	 Designs of the Islamic World How do shapes and symmetry influence Islamic designs?	
	 Design and Technology	 Preserve It! What makes food decay and how can we slow it down?		 Patterns and Print What techiques help us decorate fabric successfully?			 Mighty Machines How do simple machines help us lift and move heavy loads?

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Year 5	 Science	 Forces in Motion How do forces and mechanisms affect the way objects move?	 Our Place in Space What does the movement of the Sun, Earth and Moon reveal about how our Solar System works?	 Growing, Changing, Living What do life cycles reveal about how living things grow, change and age?	 Materials Matter How do the properties of materials help us decide which ones are best for different purposes?	 Mix It, Change It What happens when materials mix, and how can we separate them again?	 Growing Wild What changes can we make to our school grounds to help wildlife survive and thrive?
	 History		 The Greeks: A Lasting Legacy How did Ancient Greece shape the world we know today?	 Tech Through Time: Inventions that Shaped Us How have key inventions changed the way people live, work and communicate?			 Secrets of the Shang What can the ruins of Yinxu reveal about an ancient dynasty?
	 Geography	 Mapping Our World How can maps help us understand the landscape and the ways people live, settle and travel?			 A World of Contrasts How do Earth's different environments influence where and how people live?	 From Farm to Fork How does the journey our food takes help us understand the connections between people, places and the environment?	
	 Art		 The Art of Light and Line What do artists achieve by using line, light and shadow in their work?		 Express Yourself What makes expressionist art so powerful and emotional?		 Taotie Treasures What do taotie motifs reveal about ancient Chinese art and design?
	 Design and Technology	 Powering Movement What makes pneumatic systems useful in creating moving mechanisms?		 Building Through Time What influences the way architects design structures over time?		 Seasonal Plates How can we eat seasonally?	

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Year 6	 Science	 The Journey of Blood How does blood travel around the body?	 Evolving Earth How did living things become the way they are today?	 Circuits and Symbols What affects the brightness, power or output of a circuit?	 The Science of Light What happens when light travels, reflects or is blocked?	 Ice, Life and Survival How have plants and animals adapted to survive polar habitats?	 Species Under Threat How can we protect species that are under threat?
	 History		 Hope, Heroes and the Home Front How did the Second World War transform people's lives?	 Kingdom of Benin What was the great and ancient Kingdom of Benin and why is it a significant part of Africa's history?			 Our City's Growth Story How has a local industry helped our town, city or county to grow?
	 Geography	 Mapping the Earth What do maps reveal about Earth's features and the ways we locate places?			 People and the Planet What influences the way people live, trade and settle in a changing world?	 Polar Planet What makes the polar regions such unique and challenging places to live and explore?	
	 Art	 Winged Wonders How can we use insects as inspiration for artwork?			 From Waste to Wonder How can we create art to protect our environment?	 Inuit Art What can we learn from Inuit carving and printing techniques?	
	 Design and Technology		 Repair and Reuse How can we repair and reuse textiles creatively?	 Whole Foods, Healthy Choices What makes a meal healthy?			 Building Bridges How do engineers design bridges that can hold weight?

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