

## The Curriculum at Manston St James Primary Academy

Key features of our Curriculum:

- It is rich in speaking opportunities.
- It promotes a rich literacy heritage.
- It focuses upon pupils being numerate and able to apply these skills in different situations.
- It provides opportunities for using and applying ICT and computing skills.
- It develops in our pupils the skills of reasoning, resilience, reflectivity, responsibility and resourcefulness.
- It develops pupils' awareness of their place in the world and promotes British values.
- It ensures there are opportunities for pupils to learn beyond the classroom.
- It encourages parents to be involved in their child's learning in a variety of ways.
- It involves pupils in the planning of curriculum topics in age appropriate ways.

All curriculum topics:

- Are planned in phase teams that enable maximum collaboration in their construction.
- Are memorable learning experiences that are based on individual subject skill development.
- Where knowledge is woven into the topics at age appropriate points that ensures pupils have a bank of facts that are useful to them as they develop an understanding of the world in which they live.
- Includes at least two trips each year.
- Are planned on the following two-year cycle:

Reception

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Super me</b>	<b>Things that roar</b>
	All about me, similarities and difference and how to be a good learner	Focus on stories about dinosaurs and bears
	Spring 1	Spring 2
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Once upon a time</b>	<b>Splish, Splash, Splosh</b>
	Traditional tales-character profiles, story sequencing	Animals, life cycle of chicks, exploring capacity
	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Theme</b>	<b>Down at the bottom of the garden</b>	<b>- Explorers</b>
	exploring our environment, plants, growing.	History/geography focused-explorers, Pirates, looking at different environments-jungle, desert.

Year 1 and 2

Year A	Autumn 1 (6 weeks) + (1 themed week) 'Oh I do like to be beside the seaside'	Autumn 2 (6 weeks)+ ( 1 Christmas week) 'Discovering Dinosaurs'	Spring (10 weeks) + ( 1 themed week) Great and Ghastly Events'	Summer (11 weeks) + (1 themed week ) 'Explorers and Adventurers'				
History	The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national achievements.	Themed week Year A charity based event Year B Enterprise Based	Events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally	Christmas activities	The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.	Easter activities and themed week focus science, literacy or maths	The lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.	End of term activities themed week based on a local, national or international event
Geography	Name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom.						Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles	
Art & Design	Painting Study of an artist		Sculpture		Sketching		Printing Painting	
Music	Singing fun songs Singing rounds		Singing carols Composing using un-tuned percussion		Study of a composer Composing using tuned instruments		Singing traditional songs Study of music from another culture	
D & T			Project using textiles		Project using wheels and axels			

Year B	Autumn 1		Autumn 2		Spring		Summer	
History	Significant historical events, people and places in own locality				Changes within living memory.			
Geography			Understand geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of the United Kingdom, and of a small area in a contrasting non-European country				PUPIL LED TOPIC	
Art & Design	Painting		Sculpture		Study of an art movement Sketching		Printing Sketching	
Music	Singing traditional songs Composing using unturned percussion		Singing carols Composing using tuned instruments		Singing fun songs Study of music from another culture		Singing rounds Study of a composer	
D & T	Project using food						Project using scrap materials	

Year 3 and 4

Year A	Autumn 1 (6 weeks) + (1 themed week)	Autumn 2 (6 weeks)+ ( 1 Christmas week)	Spring (10 weeks) + ( 1 themed week)	Summer (11 weeks) + (1 themed week )
Theme	Rainforest	Stone to Bronze	China and Dragons	The Egyptians
History		(Stone age+) Bronze Age religion technology and travel for example, Stonehenge		Egyptians
Geography	Describe and understand key aspects of: physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, and the water cycle		Understand geographical similarities and differences through the Study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, and a region in a (NON) European country,	
Art & Design	Study of an artist (Rousseau / Dyer)	Painting (cave painting)	Sketching	Sculpture
Music	Composing using un-tuned percussion  Composing using junk materials stomp style  (Sounds of the rainforest)	Singing Christmas songs Study of a composer deceased Study of classical music Singing fun songs	Composing using tuned percussion Instruments from other cultures	Singing contemporary songs Singing rounds
D & T			Project using textiles	Project using gears and levers
		Themed week	Christmas activities	Easter activities
				End of term activities

Year B	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring	Summer
Theme	The Romans	Art focused		
History	Romans	Local history		
Geography	volcanoes and earthquakes		Name and locate Counties and cities of the United Kingdom, geographical regions and their identifying human and physical characteristics, key topographical feature (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns; and understand how some of these aspects have changed over time	<b>PUPIL LED TOPIC</b>
Art & Design	Sculpture	Study of an art form or movement	Painting	Sketching
Music	Singing fun songs Compose using un-tuned percussion Study of jazz	Singing Christmas songs Study of a composer contemporary	Singing traditional songs	Sing songs films and movies Composing using tuned percussion
D & T		Project using wood	Project using food	

Year 5 and 6

Year A	Autumn 1 (6 weeks) + (1 themed week)	Autumn 2 (6 weeks)+ ( 1 Christmas week)	Spring (10 weeks) + ( 1 themed week)	Summer (11 weeks) + (1 themed week )
History	<b>The Prohibition Era</b> (1920's America)		<b>The Aztecs</b> History lead	<b>Child Led</b> <b>(Disney inspired)</b>
Geography		<b>Extreme Earth</b> <i>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)</i>	(Continents, North/South America, Modern Mexico.)	<b>PUPIL LED TOPIC</b>
Art & Design	Study of an art form or movement - <b>The Art Deco Movement.</b> Sketching – <b>silhouettes &amp; mugshots</b>	<b>Painting (Seasonal paintings?)</b>	<b>Sculpture (clay masks/statues)</b>	<b>Study of an artist</b> (Walt Disney / Ub Iwerks?)
Music	Singing songs from musicals /films  Playing from musical notation	Singing Christmas songs  Composing for a context (Creating songs for different weather)	Study of a composer deceased  Singing songs from another culture	Singing fun songs (Disney inspired?)  Instruments of the orchestra
D & T			Project using wood <i>Bird boxes?</i>	Project using circuits and electricity?
		Themed week	Christmas activities	Easter activities
				End of term activities

Year B	Autumn 1 (6 weeks) + (1 themed week)	Autumn 2 (6 weeks)+ ( 1 Christmas week)	Spring (10 weeks) + ( 1 themed week)	Summer (11 weeks) + (1 themed week )
History	Settlement history, influential Viking figures, Viking tactics and weaponry.	<b>War Horse &amp; World War II</b>		<b>Child Led (History of gaming?)</b>
Geography	<b>The Vikings</b> <i>Understand geographical similarities and differences through the Study of human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, and a region within North or South America</i>		<b>Ancient Greece</b> Human geography including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water	<b>PUPIL LED TOPIC</b>
Art & Design	Painting – Viking designs & shields	Study of an artist	Sketching	Sculpture
Music	Singing fun songs Playing from musical notation Classical music study	Singing Christmas songs Composing for a context Study of music from 60's 70's and 80's	Singing in harmony Study of a composer contemporary	Singing contemporary songs Electronic music making
D & T			Project using textiles	Project using food (Enterprise)