Year 3 Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English Fiction Non-fiction Poetry SPaG focus Speaking Vocabulary	Vocabulary Poet Study - Joseph Coelho The Man on the Moon - Narrative Oral Storytelling	Vocabulary Non-Chronological report - Stone Age The BFG - Narrative	Vocabulary The Iron Man - Narrative How Bees Make Honey - Information Texts Simple, compound and adverbial complex sentences	Simple, compound and adverbial complex sentences Performance poetry The Journey - Diary writing	Vocabulary Non Chronological report - Healthy lifestyles The Firework Maker's Daughter - Fiction MK Safety Centre Recount Poetry Understanding Form	Tense forms: simple, progressive and perfect Explanation Text - Mummification Persuasive Letters - The Day the Crayons Quit Introduction to speeches
Class readers	**The BFG** - Roald Dahl	**The Iron Man** T. Hughes	**The Sheep Pig** Dick King-Smith	**Varjak Paw** -SF Said	**The Firework Maker's Daughter** - Philip Pullman	**The Abominables** - Eva Ibbotson
Guided reading texts	**The Last Castaways** - Harry Horse	**Mulan** - Michaela Morgan **The Stone Age** - Various authors **The Dark** - Lemony Snickett **Pebble in My Pocket** - Meredith Hoope	**Swallow's Kiss** -Sita Brahmachari **Rushing Rivers -** Kingfisher **The Moon Dragons-** Dylan Sheldon The Iron Man T. Hughes	**Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx** - Joe Todd-Stanton **The Sheep Pig-** Dick King-Smith	**Varjak Paw** -SF Said **Anansi and the Antelope Baby** - Tony Bradman **Firebird** - Saviour Pirotta	**Diary of a Killer Cat** by Anne Fine
Spellings	Spelling Shed	Spelling Shed	Spelling Shed	Spelling Shed	Spelling Shed	Spelling Shed
Mathematics	Place Value Addition and Subtraction	Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division	Multiplication and Division Fractions	Length and Perimeter Mass and Capacity	Fractions Money Time	Time Shape Statistics
Science	Movement and Nutrition	Forces and Magnets	Rocks and Soils	Light and Shadows	Plant Reproduction	Does hand span affect grip strength?
Computing	**Programming** Scratch	**Connecting devices**	**Programming:** MakeCode: Loops	**Creating media:** Creating video trailers	**Creating Media** Creating a website	**Data Handling** Branching databases
History	Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Iron Age or Bronze Age?		Why did the Romans invade and settle in Britain?		What was important to Ancient Egyptians?	
Geography		Why do people live near volcanoes?		Who lives in Antarctica?		Are all settlements the same?
Art and Design	**Drawing** Developing drawing skills		**Painting and mixed materials**		**Craft and Design** Ancient Egyptian Scrolls	

				Exploring texture with paint and collage			
Design and Technology			**Mechanisms** Pneumatic Toys		**Digital World** Wearable Technology		**Cooking and Nutrition** Eating seasonally
Music		**Mountain melodies:** Steps and leaps	**Inspired by India:** Musical improvisations	**Music technology:** Introduction to music technology	**Instrumental lessons** (glockenspiel) South Africa music	**Reggae rhythms:** Playing in a band	**Instrumental lessons** (glockenspiel) Caribbean music
PE	**1**	**Gymnastics** Symmetry and Asymmetry Indoor	**Boccia** Accuracy and Inclusion	**Dance-DDMIX** African dance Indoor	**Gymnastics** Canon and Unison Indoor	**Athletics** Running at Different Distances Outdoor Problem Solving (Weather Dependent Indoor)	**Rounders** Striking and Fielding Outdoor Problem Solving (Weather Dependent Indoor)
	2	**Netball** Passing and Shooting Outdoor	**Communication and Tactics** Teamwork Outdoor	**Football** Movement and Marking Outdoor	**Handball** Gameplay and Teamwork Outdoor	**Tennis** Striking and Returning Outdoor	**Athletics** Sports Day Practice Outdoor
RE		What makes us human? **Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Humanist**	Where do we get our morals from? **Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Humanist, Jewish, Muslim**	Is scripture central to religion? **Christian, Jewish, Muslim**	What happens when we do wrong? **Christian, Hindu, Humanist, Jewish, Muslim**	Why is water symbolic? **Christian, Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, Humanist**	Why is fire used ceremonially? **Christian, Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, Humanist**
PSHE		Introductory Lesson Family and relationships	Family and relationships Health and wellbeing	Health and wellbeing Safety and the changing body	Safety and the changing body Citizenship	Citizenship	Economic wellbeing Transition lesson
Wellbeing		Making a difference Shared interests					Practise makes progress (Transition) Appreciation Motion Detection
French		This is me	Birthday celebrations	French adjectives of colour, size and shape	In a French classroom	Bon appetit	Shopping for French food
Enrichment Opportunities Subject to change		Natural History Museum - Oxford/Pitts Rivers	M & M Productions- Sleeping Beauty Assembly - Volcanoes and Earthquakes	Electric Umbrella Performance	Assembly - Antarctica MK Mosque visit	Hazard Alley Safety Centre	Arts1 Puppet Show Birds of prey on the field