

Year 2 Curriculum Overview



	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	<p>In My Heart (Jo Wicket) - Explanations</p> <p>Beegu (Alexis Deacon) – Descriptive writing and recount</p> <p>Black History Month – Floella Benjamin</p> <p>Book Week</p>	<p>Little Red Reading Hood (Lucy Rowland) – remix of a traditional tale</p> <p>Letters to the Mosque</p>	<p>The Great Fire of London (Anniversary edition) – Newspaper Articles</p> <p>Plants – information text – non-fiction favourite flower – links to science</p> <p>Internet Safety week - When Charlie McButton Lost Power (Suzanne Collins and Mike Lester) – Emotive language and diary writing.</p>	<p>Diversity week - The Paper Bag Princess</p> <p>Derby Book Festival for three weeks – different books get chosen each year</p>	<p>The Day the Crayons Quit (Drew Daywalt) – Persuasive Letter Writing and letter of complaint</p> <p>A Cloudy Lesson Diary entry, narrative, instructions and information poster</p>	<p>Cottonwool Colin (Jeanne Willis) Narrative, story summary and inventing a new story</p>
Maths	White Rose Education					
Home Learning	White Rose Education, My Maths or Oak Academy.					

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Science	Habitats	Microhabitats	Plants	Life Cycles and health	Uses of everyday materials	Marie Curie and Materials - experiments
Home Learning	https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/science-primary-ks1/units/living-things-and-where-they-live/lessons?sid-732bfd=dukKm9Qubf&sm=0&src=3	https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/science-primary-ks1/units/living-things-and-where-they-live/lessons?sid-732bfd=dukKm9Qubf&sm=0&src=3	https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/science-primary-ks1/units/growing-plants/lessons	https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/science-primary-ks1/units/new-life/lessons?sid-d3b931=YSeIGuYZIg&sm=0&src=3	https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/science-primary-ks1/units/uses-of-everyday-materials/lessons	https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/science-primary-ks1/units/everyday-materials/lessons?sid-cd0333=L0KMf5zq1e&sm=0&src=3
Computing	Online Safety and Computing systems and networks 1: What is a computer?	Online Safety and Programming 1: Algorithms and debugging	Online Safety and Computing systems and networks 2: Word processing	Online Safety and Programming 2: ScratchJr	Programming 2: MakeCode	Creating media: Stop motion
Home Learning	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zymykqt/articles/z9myvcw	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3tbwmn/articles/z3whpv4	Typing Skills	https://studio.code.org/courses/express-2025/units/1?viewAs=Instructor	https://code.org/en-US/tools/sprite-lab	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbhgjxs/articles/zskthyc
History	How did we learn to fly?		The Great Fire of London		What is a monarch?	

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Home Learning	<p>How have people's lives changed in living memory?</p> <p>https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/history-primary-ks1/units/significant-individuals-who-changed-britain-how-did-they-fight-for-change/lessons/paul-stephenson-and-the-bristol-bus-boycott?sid-c1fac5=IGbVeBnRQ3&sm=0&src=4#lesson-details</p>		<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy36g2p/articles/z4msn9q</p>		<p>Who was Queen Elizabeth I?</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkrkscw/articles/zkh7bdm</p> <p>Who was Queen Victoria?</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkrkscw/articles/zfdkhbk</p>	
Geography		<p>Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?</p>		<p>Why is our world wonderful?</p>		<p>What is it like to live by the coast?</p>
Home Learning		<p>https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/geography-primary-ks1/units/cold-places-what-is-it-like-at-the-north-and-south-poles/lessons</p>		<p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zw7gsk7</p>		<p>https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/geography-primary-ks1/units/oceans-and-seas-a546/lessons</p>

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Design & Technology		Cooking and nutrition: Balanced diet		Structures: Baby Bear's chair		Textiles: Pouches
Home Learning		https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/cooking-nutrition-primary-year-2/units/the-eatwell-guide-healthy-eating/lessons		https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/design-technology-primary-year-2/units/freestanding-structures-playgrounds/lessons		https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/design-technology-primary-ks1-/units/textiles-templates-and-joining-techniques-50ab/lessons
Art & Design	Drawing: Understanding tone and texture		Painting and mixed media: Life in colour		Sculpture and 3D: Clay Houses	
Home Learning	https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/art-primary-ks1/units/our-spaces-drawing-and-printing/lessons?sid-2a3aba=y84Nv54FAN&sm=0&src=3		https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/art-primary-ks1/units/frank-bowling-map-paintings/lessons?sid-3de734=DmVsT4w5Sp&sm=0&src=3		Find a natural object in your garden (e.g. leaf, twigs, feather) and draw it. https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/art-primary-ks1/units/me-myself-and-others-clay-sculpture/lessons?sid-0bf4dc=DeWbWNhI0Q&sm=0&src=3	
Music	Call and Response	The Christmas Nativity	Instruments	Contrasting dynamics	Structure	Pitch

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Home Learning	https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/pulse-and-metre-eeae Pulse & Metre	https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/tempo-dynamics-timbre-35a0 Tempo, Dynamics & Timbre	https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/rhythm-bedc Rhythm	https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/music-primary-year-2-1/units/musical-processes-d4b4/lessons	https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/music-primary-year-2-1/units/tempo-dynamics-timbre-35a0/lessons Timbre	https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/music-primary-year-2-2/units/music-and-movement-using-symbols-to-represent-pitch/lessons Pitch
PE	Gymnastics	Fitness is Fun	Invasion Games	Festival of Dance	Athletics	Cricket
Home Learning	Cosmic Yoga	Joe Wicks	Animal Moves – Lesson Video click HERE Move to the Beat – Lesson Video click HERE Move to the beat extravaganza – Lesson Video click HERE Space Adventure – Lesson Video click HERE	Target Treasure – Lesson Video click HERE In the Box – Lesson Video click HERE Three in a row – Lesson Video click HERE Climb the ladder – Lesson Video click HERE	DCCT - Athletics	DCCT – Fundamentals
Other resources you can use: Super movers – https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers Super Movers Times Table Collection – https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4 Oti Mabuse – https://www.youtube.com/c/OtiMabuseOfficial/videos Joe Wicks – https://www.youtube.com/c/TeBodyCoachTV/playlists Cosmic Yoga – https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga Just Dance - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Vlhde7N5uGDIFXXWWEbFQ/videos Little Sports - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTlwFB4ciFi5ZClu-VlwaOg						

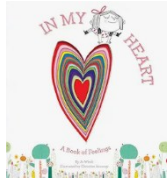
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RE	Who is Muslim and what do they believe?		How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times?	Who is a Christian and what do they believe?	Who is a Sikh and how do they live?	What can we learn from sacred books?
Home Learning	https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/i-slam-f461		https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/the-nativity-c64a		https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/religious-education-primary-year-2/units/festivals-how-do-they-celebrate-the-natural-world/lessons	
PSHE	Exploring emotions Being Me	Being Healthy Drug Education	Relationships Growing Up	Difference & Diversity/ Changes	Being Responsible Money Matters	Bullying Matters/ Being Safe
Home Learning	https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/rshe-pshe-primary-year-2/units/emotions-what-helps-me-to-be-happy/lessons	https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/rshe-pshe-primary-year-2/units/physical-health-how-do-i-eat-a-balanced-diet/lessons	https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/rshe-pshe-primary-year-2/units/healthy-relationships-what-does-a-family-look-like/lessons	https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/rshe-pshe-primary-year-2/units/media-influence-is-everything-i-see-online-true/lessons	https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/rshe-pshe-primary-year-2/units/staying-safe-and-healthy-how-can-i-keep-clean/lessons	https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/rshe-pshe-primary-year-2/units/our-online-lives-who-should-i-talk-to-online/lessons

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Personal Development & Wellbeing

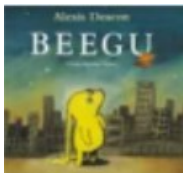
In My Heart – Key Writing Text - celebrate diversity.



Voting for house captains

Daily mindfulness and self-regulation sessions

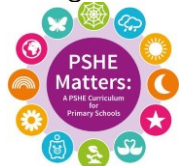
Key Writing Text:



Covering disability, age, gender, race and ethnicity.

Black History Month – Floella Benjamin

PSHE MATTERS – Exploring emotions.



Little Red Riding Hood Covering age, gender protected characteristics



Black History Month Key Texts:



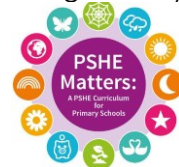
Church visit and Nativity

Perform on stage – Christmas Nativity

Make wraps to eat in DT unit – healthy choices with food

P of E: Springwood Walk

PSHE MATTERS - Being Healthy



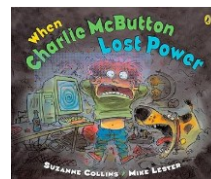
School Trip to the local Mosque

The Great Fire of London: Age – how people of all ages were affected – children and the elderly



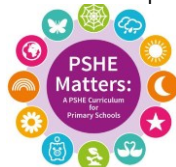
Grow plants in science. Developing nurturing skills.

Safer Internet Day Text:



NSPCC – Speak Out, Stay Safe

PSHE MATTERS: Relationships



P of E: Perform on stage – Festival of Dance with other Derby City Schools

Specialist Dance Teaching

Road safety assembly PCSOs

British Science Week

Life cycles in science – getting older, how babies grow

Daily mindfulness and self-regulation sessions

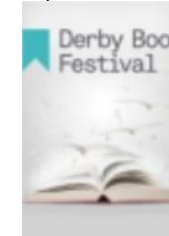
Whole School Safety Awareness Day including First Aid

PSHE MATTERS: Difference and diversity



Daily mindfulness and self-regulation sessions

Derby Book Festival



Key Writing Text: The Day the Crayons Quit – age – some crayons undervalued. Difference and diversity.



P of E: Say 'Hello' in a different language.

Animals in Hands workshop – link to science and welfare of animals

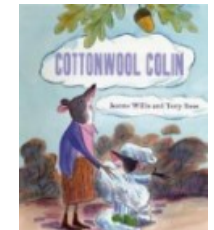
PSHE MATTERS: Being Responsible

Marie Curie Science Study

Daily mindfulness and self-regulation sessions

Sports Day – competition in house groups

Key Writing Text: Cotton wool Colin - Disability as Colin looks different. Colin is treated like he can't do anything and perceived as 'delicate'.




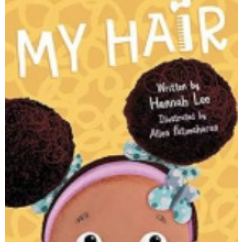


Raise money – Business Enterprise week linked to maths and art – raising money for PFA.

Trip to Conkers.

PSHE MATTERS: Bullying

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Assessment		PIRA, PUMA, Writing, and MIPs		PIRA, PUMA, Writing, and MIPs		PIRA, PUMA, Writing and MIP